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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CAFÉ OPERATOR ANNOUNCEMENT

“Council is excited to announce that Red Centre Enterprises has been engaged to manage the Social Enterprise Café within the Gawler Civic Centre,” said Mayor Redman. “Red Centre Enterprises will operate an Australian Bush Foods Social Enterprise Café that uses the best of local South Australian produce, provides high quality meals and have a positive cultural impact within the local community.”

Red Centre Enterprises is an agribusiness that works to give aboriginal communities access to commercial markets for produce, and to generate employment. Owners, Nadia Matko and Paul Keily (Paul’s tribal name is Yuandamarra), have been growing and harvesting Australian native foods for selected mainstream markets for more than 20 years, and are now sustainably commercialising their operations through Red Centre Enterprises.

“The Café, as a Social Enterprise, will provide the opportunity for local employment as well as real education, training and employment pathways for the broader community,” said Mayor Redman. “In support of Council’s Reconciliation Action Plan, Nadia and Yuandamarra (Paul) will encourage Aboriginal people to train and work in the Café. It will support the Kurna community by sourcing many native foods locally.”

The Café facilities located within the Gawler Civic Centre will play an important role in the cultural and corporate services that will be on offer in the building. The cafe will provide both a casual place to dine for Centre users and catering for various functions and events.

Red Centre Enterprises’ decision to operate the Social Enterprise Café has been welcomed by the Kurna community with respected Kurna Elder, Uncle Jeffrey Newchurch on hand to witness the signing of the Management Agreement.

“The Gawler Civic Centre with the partnership of Red Centre Enterprises, will provide a genuine, new cultural tourism experience for the region,” Mayor Redman continued. “It’s very exciting for our town and the region, and will only add to our growing reputation as a vibrant cultural heritage destination in South Australia”.

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Pictured is (L to R) Uncle Jeffrey Newchurch, Nadia Matko, Paul Keily (Paul's tribal name is Yuandamarra), Mayor Karen Redman and CEO Henry Inat.