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## **GAWLER AQUATIC CENTRE URGES COMMUNITY TO ‘LEARN TO SWIM’**

This year the Town of Gawler is encouraging all members of the community to undertake affordable swimming lessons available at the Gawler Aquatic Centre. The Learn to Swim – Term 1 Program is about to commence on Tuesday 29 January.

Mayor Karen Redman said, “Lessons cater for all swimming abilities and range from children of 6 months to adults. Private lessons and classes specifically suited for people with a disability are also available. The Gawler Aquatic Centre’s qualified, professional and friendly instructors will provide students with the best water education combined with enjoyment”. Lessons are held Monday to Friday from 3.30pm and on weekends from 8.00am.

The Learn to Swim program now offers Swim Desk – Parent Portal, an exciting value add which allows parents to actively follow their children’s progression online at any time. The Gawler Aquatic Centre additionally offers a wide range of activities including Aqua Aerobics, Birthday Parties, Group Bookings, Lap and Recreational swimming, throughout the 2018/19 season that continues until Sunday 14 April 2018.

The importance of promoting the necessity for improved swimming skills in the community is highlighted through the recent 2018 National Drowning Report. This report identifies that tragically 249 people drowned in Australian waterways last year. Unfortunately the start of 2019 has recorded an increase by 40% of drowning deaths in Australia compared to this time last year. Drownings are preventable deaths, and can be reduced particularly by water education. The report serves as an important reminder to all Australians of the dangers of waterways, rivers, beaches, households and swimming pools. Swimming is an important lifelong skill which can save lives.

To book into one of the lessons available contact the Gawler Aquatic Centre on (08) 8522 2034 or email them at: [learntoswim@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:learntoswim@gawler.sa.gov.au)

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