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Grants SA funds Greater Adelaide Youth Project

The Gawler Youth Worker's Network and Council is pleased to announce that it has been successful in obtaining \$49,160 through the State Government Department of Human Service's Grants SA Program, to support the Greater Adelaide Youth Project.

This project results from a youth engagement process undertaken in 2017/2018 within the Gawler Region that was attended by over 700 young people. Participants indicated the most urgent needs of young people were based around participation in community life, health/wellbeing and building capacity. As part of the engagement process young people also identified solutions to their needs with the highest priority for the region being a targeted skills development and education program.

"The Greater Adelaide Youth Project is being specifically designed to meet the needs of Gawler's Youth and it's great that Grants SA is providing this funding," said Mayor Redman. "The Project complements the opening of the new Youth Space at the Gawler Civic Centre and is testament that Council recognises the importance of engaging with young people and investing in their future, thereby investing in the future of the region."

The Project will offer a range of courses and workshops that will allow young people to participate and feel more connected to their community, increase their life skills and improve their health and wellbeing. It will be coordinated by the Gawler Youth Worker's Network, which will engage trainers to deliver skills training in areas of high need in the community and connect young people with local businesses for hands-on work experience and employment opportunities. The Network will also engage educators to deliver youth-friendly life skills workshops, health and wellbeing services and create opportunities to increase social engagement, community participation, capacity building and community pride.

The range of courses/workshops will cover topics such as:

- employment skills, job seeking, resume writing, interview techniques
- strategies for improving self-esteem, managing anxiety and stress
- increasing resilience
- parenting skills for carers of youth

The funding will provide more than 50% of the full project cost with Council contributing staff resources and project consumables and access to the new Youth Space in the Gawler Civic Centre for delivery of the programs. Council's Youth Development Officer, Youth Advisory Committee and the Gawler Youth Worker's Network will be collaborating to deliver the project focussed on supporting youth from ages 12- 25 years.

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