



Port Augusta

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COUNCIL SUPPORTS UNI HUB RELOCATION

Port Augusta City Council recently endorsed the relocation of the Uni Hub campus to the Institute Building in Commercial Road which will commence later this year, in readiness for the 2021 academic year.

Uni Hub commenced operation in Port Augusta in February 2020, temporarily co-located within the library at the TAFESA campus on Carlton Parade.

Uni Hub CEO, Anita Crisp explained the move would increase the visibility and accessibility of Uni Hub to the Port Augusta community and assist in increasing the level of activation and vibrancy in the CBD.

“Uni Hub’s Port Augusta Steering Committee has long supported a CBD presence. Co-location with TAFE was a great option that enabled us to start supporting local students studying university, but it will be fantastic to have a facility that we can really call home and which will allow us to grow and expand.”

“We are located in a similar Council-owned building in Port Pirie and have seen strong growth in the number of students dropping in to use the facility throughout the day and after hours and increase in the level of activity in the nearby cafés and shops”.

“In addition to improving local university study options, we are keen to implement a program of events including hosting visiting academic lectures, developing a local researcher’s forum, community open days, student social activities and industry networking events. By bringing more people into Uni Hub, we will also be bringing people into Port Augusta’s main centre too.”

Ms Crisp said support from local Councils, employers and the community was crucial to the long-term success of Uni Hub.

Mayor Brett Benbow stated “Council is proud to endorse and support the relocation to the Institute. We have been a valued founding partner of the Uni Hub and we look forward to continuing this partnership and supporting local economic growth and skills development.”

“There will still be parts of the Institute Building that will be available to the public to hire, and the Barracks can still be booked out for events and functions.” Mayor Benbow said.

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