

News around the Uni Hub

New chair for Uni Hub board

Scholarships for Port Augusta

Two Uni Hub Spencer Gulf students have been awarded scholarships, thanks to the generosity and fundraising efforts of Business Port Augusta.

Port Augusta students Ben Leahy and Debbie Warren were awarded the scholarships, announced at Business Port Augusta's recent 2018-19 Rowe Partners Outstanding Business Awards.

Debbie was recognised for her determination and commitment to her studies in the Bachelor of Psychological Science.

The successful completion of the Bachelor of Psychological Science will allow Debbie to have a broader range of employment opportunities as well as scope to undertake continued studies in this discipline.

Ben received the scholarship in recognition of his willingness to work towards his academic goal to gain entry into the Bachelor of Primary Education course commencing in 2020.

His goal is to be able to gain employment as a nationally qualified primary teacher at the end of his degree.

Uni Hub Spencer Gulf chair Brenton Vanstone thanked Business Port Augusta for supporting the Uni Hub and providing two of its students with valuable scholarships.

"Business Port Augusta has really embraced the concept of having a supported, tertiary education centre in their city," he said.

"We appreciate their financial contribution which will assist two of our Port Augusta students achieve their academic goals."

CHAIR...Brenton Vanstone is the new chair of the Uni Hub Spencer Gulf board. Mr Vanstone brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role and has been involved with Uni Hub Spencer Gulf since the initial development phase. Mr Vanstone believes strong partnerships with the community, industry and all levels of government are imperative to the success of Uni Hub Spencer Gulf.



Brenton Vanstone has been appointed the new chair of Uni Hub Spencer Gulf. The appointment was made at the recent annual general meeting after former chair, Dr Jen Cleary stepped down.

Mr Vanstone brings to the position a wealth of experience and knowledge, having 19 years experience as a councillor in local government, six being mayor of Port Pirie Regional Council. He has also held positions such as chair of the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group (Spencer Gulf Cities), deputy chair of the Provincial Cities Association and as the current deputy chair of Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North.

Mr Vanstone was also involved in the initial development phase of Uni Hub Spencer Gulf through his involvement with Spencer Gulf Cities and for the past 12 months has been deputy chair of the Uni Hub Spencer Gulf board.

Mr Vanstone acknowledged and thanked Dr Cleary for her work with Uni Hub Spencer Gulf, particularly in the early stages when the idea of a community owned tertiary education centre for the region was still being developed.

"I commenced the initial journey with her

all those years ago as my role as chair of the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group," he said.

"Jen was actively involved in developing the model for the Uni Hub after visiting the Geraldton University Centre in Western Australia," Mr Vanstone said.

Mr Vanstone said Uni Hub Spencer Gulf now had more than 70 students with strong support for Port Augusta's opening next year.

"Port Augusta has eagerly embraced the idea of having tertiary education delivery in their city. In particular, Port Augusta City Council and Business Port Augusta have been strong advocates," he said.

Mr Vanstone said strong partnerships with the community, industry and all levels of government were imperative to the success of Uni Hub Spencer Gulf.

"We have received tremendous support from the Port Pirie and Port Augusta communities," he said.

"It is also important that we continue to build our relationships with local, State and Federal governments to ensure the Uni Hub can continue to grow and expand the opportunities to deliver first-class university education and a skilled workforce in our region."