

**Media Release**  
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**GUC support extends to Carnarvon**

For the first time, GUC will support students in Carnarvon, five hours north of Geraldton.

Four Carnarvon locals have enrolled in courses supported at GUC, three in CQUniversity's STEPS bridging program and one in the University of Southern Queensland's Bachelor of Nursing.

"We are grateful to the Shire of Carnarvon for granting our students use of their beautiful new Library and Art Gallery as a place to come together and study and access GUC tutorials via web conferencing between trips to Geraldton for face-to-face support," Director Natalie Nelmes said.

"All Carnarvon students were required to attend orientation in Geraldton so we could set them up for success. They have now returned to Carnarvon to use the library as a study centre."

GUC has supplied the Carnarvon Library with laptops for student use and installed a dedicated ADSL internet line so they can join weekly tutorials happening in Geraldton via web conferencing.

The STEPS students will come down to Geraldton one more time during the semester and the Nursing student must come down to undertake the clinical and laboratory intensives (typically three days a couple of times during the semester).

The Carnarvon study hub is part of a wider project funded by the Mid West Development Commission, to explore if there is a community appetite to increase university access and participation in northern communities and the ways the Geraldton Universities Centre may be able to assist if there is.