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## **GUC extends supports for university study in Carnarvon as applications open for 2017**

Applications for university study in 2017 have opened and Geraldton Universities Centre is currently encouraging Carnarvon residents to considering opportunities for local study next year.

In 2016, thanks to an arrangement made with the Shire of Carnarvon to provide a place in the Library & Art Gallery to come together and study, students accessed GUC tutorials via web conferencing, with laptops and internet provided by GUC.

Tutorials offer opportunities for students to engage with their fellow classmates and the Midwest industry professionals who facilitate them.

Students studying through GUC are also required to attend orientation and residential intensives (depending on course enrolled in) in Geraldton, and are welcome to join tutorials and study on campus whenever they are in Geraldton.

"One of the benefits of this arrangement is that GUC can offer university study with academic, pastoral and administrative support with students remaining in Carnarvon, close to home, family, friends and work," GUC Director Natalie Nelmes said.

The first 3 students in Carnarvon to enrol in programs supported by GUC are nearing completion of their Bridging-STEPS program. This program is a university preparatory program for access into university programs and covers skills such as academic essay writing, fundamental mathematics, foundation science and computing skills.

Upon completion, these students are all aiming to go on to do Bachelor degrees in Nursing and have benefitted from the opportunity to stay in Carnarvon and study without having to relocate.

"I would recommend to others doing university study through GUC" said current student Ilesha Gaitskell, "I've benefitted from the online access to tutorials and the support of GUC staff".

**On Tuesday 30 August GUC staff will be providing presentations at local schools, followed by a Community Information Session from 4.00-5.00pm at the Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, 18 Egan Street Carnarvon.**

"Carnarvon residents - from near and recent school leavers to mature age - interested in university options are encouraged to attend, where they can have all of their questions answered in relation to doing university study in 2017," Ms Nelmes said.

"Whether it is questions about course availability, entry requirements, local support and how to apply to get into programs, GUC will be able to assist and direct interested potential students. Advice and guidance regarding additional needs can also be provided around disability access, scholarships and financial support whilst studying."

**Ends** For further information please contact the GUC on 9920 4400



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**Photo Caption:** Ilesha Gaitskell web conferencing in to a GUC tutorial during her Bridging-STEPS program from Carnarvon Library & Art Gallery, 2016.