

PCYC Moree Expands U-Nites Program and Launches New Digital Centre to Address Community Needs

Date: Monday 19th August at 10am

Location: PCYC Moree, 360 Boston St, Moree

PCYC NSW in partnership with NSW Police is thrilled to announce the expansion of the U-Nites program to three days per week along with the launch of its new Digital Centre at PCYC Moree. This initiative, commencing on August 23rd, is a direct response to the community's needs, specifically addressing concerns about keeping youth engaged and supervised during the evenings.

The expanded U-Nites program will now run on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, offering a variety of structured activities in a safe and supervised environment which includes:

- Court Sports
- Gymnastics
- Gym and Fitness Activities
- Living Skills Programs
- Passive Recreation Spaces with Wi-Fi Access
- Digital Centre
 - Gaming Hub
 - Homework Club
 - Movies and Live Streaming of Popular Sporting Games
 - PCYC Ambassador Engagement Sessions

All participants will receive free access to the U-Nites program, including a PCYC membership, a meal, and transportation to and from the program. This proven program will have regular engagement from local Police, youth justice, schools, and other community organisations.

The expansion of U-Nites has been made possible thanks to PCYC being awarded funding from the Premier's Department. The NSW Government is making this investment in the Moree community to address crime, support young people and improve community safety.

PCYC CEO, Ben Hobby, said the expansion of U-Nites and the establishment of the new Digital Centre is focused on supporting more young people to engage safely and be safe.

"We saw there was an opportunity for PCYC to collaborate further with our Moree community and we know that not all young people are interested in sports. So, PCYC proactively invested in this new digital centre to connect with even more young people, particularly those that may prefer the tech and digital recreation space.

“Being awarded funding from the NSW Government is the icing on the cake. We can now engage with and encourage the youth of Moree in a safe space and on a more consistent basis with the program now operating three nights per week – It's initiatives like these that are life changing, not only to the rising generation, but also to the communities that surround them and that is what PCYC is all about.”

The newly launched Digital Centre is a proactive initiative by PCYC NSW, designed to engage youth who may not be interested in traditional sports but still benefit from a safe, supervised environment. Alongside involvement from local community elders, the Digital Centre features:

- A gaming zone with five Xbox consoles, including a connected driving simulator.
- A big screen Smart TV with video conferencing facilities, streaming services, and laptops for homework completion.
- PCYC Ambassadors engagement sessions to inspire and engage with the youth.
- All activities within the Digital Centre will be supervised by trained staff, ensuring a secure and supportive environment for all participants.

PCYC Moree's Digital Centre and the expanded U-Nites program are a continued testament to the commitment of PCYC NSW and NSW Police to meeting the evolving needs of its community, keeping youth suitably engaged, and fostering positive development in a safe, enjoyable environment.

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