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Goolwa Oval Recreational Precinct

Stage Two underway

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The Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct is on track to be one of the best sporting and wellbeing hubs on the Fleurieu Peninsula with the next stage of the Master Plan soon to be underway following Council's support of Stage Two at the August Council Meeting.

The recreational precinct will encourage social connection and interaction for the entire community through traditional sports and unstructured physical activity, right in the heart of the Goolwa township.

Stage One was completed in February 2022 and has delivered a new multi-purpose facility to the Precinct and a fantastic new space for the community and sporting clubs to use.

The Master Plan design for Stage Two was presented to oval user groups in March 2022 with recommended changes taken onboard to update the Plan and ensure it is fit for purpose and accessible for all. Stage Two construction will commence later this year with the project to be completed in early 2024.

Key improvements and outcomes of this collaborative process include:

- Stage Two works will include six combined tennis and netball courts, which includes the upgrade and resurfacing of three existing court, lighting infrastructure, spectator shelters and storage shed.
- For the cricket enthusiasts, four new cricket practice nets and storage shed will be constructed and for the benefit of the entire Precinct, brand new dedicated oval lighting will extend activities and use of the grounds into the night.
- Sports users and spectators will be delighted with the new multi-function oval scoreboard, sports netting, new goal posts and pads, accessible and mobility compliant public toilets, and a playground with shelters and outdoor furniture.
- The much loved Goolwa Lions Club Book Shed will be relocated to a new modern Shed with potential for growth and shared usage, with easy access from both the oval grounds and Wildman Street.
- There will be further landscaping in Stage Two works including the boulevard entry statement to promote the Precinct, with wayfinding directional signage to encourage movement throughout the Precinct and sport specific signage to engage and direct visitors.
- The open space and location of key elements such as the playground will enable different activities to be undertaken across the Precinct at the same time.

Stage Two is supported by external grant funding with the Federal Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications contributing \$5 million of funding to the total project.

"We are looking forward to this next stage in the development of the Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct," Mayor Parkes said.

“The next stages are a fantastic addition to the oval facilities and will further enhance the space for sporting groups as well as support new initiatives and opportunities for the entire community, right in the heart of Goolwa.”

“It is fantastic to have the support from the Federal Government to improve what our community can offer in the recreational precinct,” he said.

The request for detailed design tender is currently open for Stage Two and Stage Three of the Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct. Project updates can be found at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwaoval



Mayor Keith Parkes