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Goolwa Beach Master Plan 21 September 2022

One of the most iconic beaches in our region is closer to being enhanced for locals and visitors as exciting upgrades have been made to the masterplan of Goolwa Beach Car Park.

In 2017, Council endorsed the original masterplan to improve the main Goolwa Beach entrance and car parking space. Since this endorsement, the project has been awarded \$995,000 of grant funding from the State Government's Open Space and Places Grant in late 2021 which complemented Council's contribution of \$1.045M.

Improvements to the original design include a new walkway over the dune, increased space for the foreshore plaza, improved traffic (vehicle) flow with a dedicated slip lane for 4WD vehicles accessing the beach with parallel parking along Beach Road, improved pedestrian and cyclist access with the shared use path and additional inclusive seating opportunities for a diverse range of abilities and user groups.

Additional tree and revegetation plantings will also be included in the improved masterplan. Council is working collaboratively with local conservation and volunteer groups to protect and enhance the habitat to ensure the correct trees are used and will thrive in this environment.

Traffic management will be significantly improved with the dedicated slip lane for beach access. This will reduce the congestion of cars lining up at the entrance of the car park and will improve the traffic flow. This will help cater for the influx of people visiting the area over the summer period as there will also be no loss of parking spaces.

"This masterplan is a very exciting step in the development of the Goolwa Beach Car Park project. It is great that this iconic location will be better accessible for vehicles and user groups of all abilities. We are working with the Paraplegic & Quadriplegic Association of South Australia on access considerations to ensure Goolwa Beach can be enjoyed by everyone," said CEO, Nigel Morris.

A design and construct contract has been awarded and the project is anticipated to commence in February 2023. The Master Plan balances the many social, cultural, environmental and economic considerations to ensure that Council plans for sustainable development and a safe and enjoyable experience for locals and visitors alike. Further information will be available at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeach as the project progresses.