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### Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club to officially open

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Following an incredibly efficient construction period, which commenced in August 2018, the new Goolwa Surf Life Saving (SLSC) Club building will be officially opened at a function this weekend.

Alexandrina Council representatives, including Mayor Keith Parkes and CEO Glenn Rappenberg, will join Goolwa SLSC, Surf Life Saving South Australia and other stakeholders to celebrate what will become an iconic monument of beach life in Goolwa for many years to come.

Alexandrina Council worked in collaboration with Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA) and Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) to bring this much needed and anticipated facility to reality. The \$3.5 million dollar project is part-funded by Alexandrina Council, which allocated a \$500,000 contribution to SLSSA from its 2018-19 Budget. Council also conducted site preparation, including the decommissioning and establishment of new public toilet facilities. SLSSA contributed further funding through their Club Rebuild Program, while the Goolwa SLSC provided eleven percent of the project cost – funds they have tirelessly raised through many fundraising activities over a number of years.

Following a detailed procurement process, SLSSA Facilities Management Group appointed Mossop Construction + Interiors to construct the facility. The new building not only provides the Goolwa SLSC with a permanent home (after operating from a temporary facility for the past seven seasons), it will provide the space and facilities to be able to branch out into new fund raising activities such as functions and other catering opportunities.

The Surf Life Saving Club is the first stage in the transformation of the entire precinct, with the Club planned and designed in line with the Goolwa Beach Car Park and Environs Masterplan. The Masterplan aims to guide future development and management of the Goolwa Beach area, as a vibrant and functional mixed-use precinct over the next 20 years.

Mayor Parkes congratulated Goolwa SLSC, SLSSA and Mossop Constructions on the achievement.

“Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club has worked tirelessly for eight seasons now, to make Goolwa Beach a safer and more accessible place for people to enjoy. On top of this, club members have raised funds to help establish this building. On behalf of Alexandrina Council, I congratulate the Club and Surf Life Saving SA on working so cohesively to build what will become an integral part of Goolwa Beach. I would also like to congratulate Mossop Construction and Interiors, as well as local trades, who have done an amazing job in presenting this quality build.”

“Alexandrina Council is proud to support Surf Life Saving SA to help see our regional clubs thrive. We appreciate everything the organisation does to keep our residents and visitors safe on our beaches,” he said.

Alexandrina Council CEO Glenn Rappensberg recognised the economic importance of the new facility, saying, “Alexandrina is at the forefront of regional economic growth and through new and improved infrastructure, protecting and enhancing our enviable lifestyle and creating memorable experiences for visitors, we are intent on creating investment and business attraction into the future.”

“This impressive new facility sets a benchmark for economic development and place-making by creating an asset we can be proud of that is in the best interest of our community, visitors and continued growth in the region. It is also part of the first phase of our Goolwa Beach and Environs Masterplan, which will continue to take shape over the coming years.”

As well as the contribution made to SLSSA by Alexandrina Council in the 2018-19 Annual Budget, it also contributed \$500,000 to SLSSA from its 2017-18 Annual Budget, making a total of \$1 million in contributions over two years to help fund the rebuild of the region’s three Surf Life Saving Clubs at Goolwa Beach, Horseshoe Bay and Chiton Rocks.

The SLSSA Club Rebuild Program saw the Chiton Rocks SLSC undergo a \$3.53 million rebuild during 2017-18; with a \$5.5 million rebuild of the Port Elliot SLSC still to come.