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Senator McLachlan tours the Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct

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Senator Andrew McLachlan was given the grand tour and sneak peek of the new Goolwa Oval clubroom facilities with Mayor Keith Parkes and Chief Executive Officer, Glenn Rappensberg on Wednesday, 15 December before the building is officially opened in 2022.

All were suitably impressed, with the new \$3.2M multipurpose building replacing four separate clubrooms. The new building is Stage One of the broader Master Plan for the Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct and Council is enormously proud to have support of Federal and State Government funding to make this community precinct a reality, with \$5M funding from the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications' Community Development Grants Programme as well as State Government contribution \$800K alongside Alexandrina Council's \$2.4M spend.

Goolwa's community and user groups are enthusiastically awaiting next stages of the redevelopment which, thanks to the grant funding, will be commencing in 2022. The proposed future Master Plan includes new tennis/netball courts with a spectating area, new oval and court lighting, cricket training nets, a new Lions Club book shop, and an inclusive play area.

"With this project, we aim not only to provide Goolwa's sporting clubs with the state-of-the-art facilities, but to demonstrate how a traditional sports precinct can be reimaged, modified and activated to encourage participation in structured and unstructured physical activity by a much wider range of people," said Mayor Keith Parkes.

Glenn Rappensberg, Chief Executive Officer remarked that currently over 28% of people in the Alexandrina region live with a disability, so we wanted to make facilities and recreation spaces that are accessible for the whole community.

"This project is all about maximising the opportunities for locals to enjoy competitive sports and recreational pursuits in this new purpose built community facility. It is also a fantastic opportunity to further strengthen our economy as we welcome more visitors to the Alexandrina region."

Consultation on the next stage of the redevelopment will begin in 2022.

The new building and all the sports facilities, including the oval and courts are available to all sporting and user groups in the community. For further information, contact Alexandrina Council on 8555 7000 or goolwaoval@alexandrina.sa.gov.au



Pictured: Senator Andrew McLachlan, CEO Glenn Rappensberg, and Mayor Keith Parkes