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Contribution to Port Elliot's Surf Life Saving Club redevelopment

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Council has made a \$330,000 contribution to the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club (Port Elliot SLSC) as part of the 2019-20 budget. The allocation is in addition to funds previously made to Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA) to ensure club redevelopment works continue in Alexandrina.

Council received encouragement from the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, The Hon Corey Wingard MP; and a further presentation was made to Council at its 18 May Council Meeting from John Baker, President of SLSSA. Mr Baker was joined by the President of the Port Elliot SLSC, Peter Francis requesting further financial assistance to support the redevelopment project.

Council's support for this project in partnership with Surf Life Saving South Australia and the South Australian Government will see benefit for the community, local business and the region's overall economy. The decision further supports feedback received from the Alexandrina community and the value placed on our lifestyle, as we work towards Alexandrina 2040 and adopting our new Community Strategic Plan later this year.

Along with its own contribution, the Port Elliot SLSC was successful in obtaining funding from the State Government through Surf Life Saving South Australia for the redevelopment.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes is proud that Council can contribute to the redevelopment of the Port Elliot SLSC which will ensure the continued safety of residents and visitors alike, at one of South Australia's most popular beaches.

"Surf life savings clubs are an integral part of Australian beach life. The work of Surf Life Saving South Australia has kept families safe at our beaches for generations, and makes the redevelopment of this Club vital to our community. The popularity of Horseshoe Bay and the Port Elliot SLSC is evident, and its growing membership is testament to this.

"Alexandrina Council is delighted to be in a position to make this contribution to Surf Life Saving South Australia for the Port Elliot SLSC and is excited to see the project come to fruition."

As well as the contribution made to Surf Life Saving South Australia by Alexandrina Council in the 2019-2020 budget, it also contributed \$500,000 in the 2018-19 Annual Budget, \$500,000 in its 2017-18 Annual Budget, making a total of \$1.33 million in contributions over three years to help fund the rebuild of the region's three premier Surf Life Saving Clubs.

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