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Goolwa Oval Sports Precinct secures Australian Government funding 14 October 2020

In fantastic news last week, the Federal Government announced \$5million towards the upgrade of the Goolwa Sports Precinct, including the building of new multi-purpose clubrooms that meet modern standards.

The funding was outlined in the Federal Budget. Once completed, the Goolwa and wider Alexandrina community will have new netball and tennis courts and cricket training facilities as well as improved car parking, road and pedestrian links and open space with barbecues and seating.

On behalf of the community we thank the Federal Government through Senator Anne Ruston for this generous funding commitment and the significant efforts of Rebekha Sharkie Federal Member for Mayo, as well as our advocates Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC and David Basham Member for Finniss.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes said the sporting precinct would offer an important place for the community to foster connections and gain easy access to valuable recreation services.

"On behalf of the Alexandrina community, I would like to thank the Australian Government for this generous funding commitment," Mayor Parkes said.

"I am delighted to see further investment in our region to provide our community with fantastic new sporting facilities to help foster not only our next generation of sporting champions, but importantly a place where community can thrive in a healthy way, therefore generating significant community benefits for all in the long term.

Alexandrina Council Chief Executive Officer Glenn Rappensberg said the project would bring many positive benefits to the region.

"This investment by the Government has both social and economic benefits for our region and will stimulate our local clubs, businesses and community groups to grow and flourish," he said.

"Council has a net budget allocation of \$2.475 million towards the Goolwa Sports Precinct and has commenced Stage 1 of the development, following a funding commitment of \$800,000 from the South Australian Government.

"Securing this \$5 million of funding, being 50% of the estimated total project cost, will ensure that the broader vision for the Precinct is realised."

This important multi-stage project requires contributions and support from Council, local clubs and government to make it happen, so Council are enormously grateful.

The Goolwa Oval Sports Precinct upgrade has been a long sought-after dream for users of the facility including the Goolwa-Port Elliot Football Club, Goolwa Netball Club, and Goolwa Cricket Club as well as benefitting many other users of the precinct.

Stage one is already underway, and construction will commence later this year.