

## **Hon Stephan Knoll MP**

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Member for Schubert

## **Hon Corey Wingard MP**

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing

## **Mayor Bim Lange**

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## **Old Talunga Park set for \$525,000 upgrade**

Mount Pleasant's Old Talunga Park will be revamped as a result of The Barossa Council's successful application for funding through Round 3 of the Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facility Program.

The project, worth a total \$525,000, is being bolstered by a \$197,000 contribution from the Marshall State Government.

Six courts will be upgraded to full size and sports flood lighting will be installed to increase sporting opportunities in Mount Pleasant.

Member for Schubert Stephan Knoll said these upgrades had been a priority for local sporting clubs and would help to increase participation as well as growth in the local clubs.

"These upgrades are well overdue and will be a boon for Mount Pleasant's tennis and netball clubs, who have worked hard for this result," Minister Knoll said.

"Mount Pleasant Netball Club has gone from strength to strength since being reinvigorated in 2017 after a 10-year hiatus, and these improved facilities will only help it to continue to grow and flourish.

"This is backed by the commitment of both the netball and tennis clubs to provide significant financial support to this project, for which they should be highly commended."

Mayor Bim Lange said the upgrades were welcome news for the local netball and tennis clubs.

"High quality courts and LED floodlighting not only create a safer playing environment, but also expand opportunities for people to participate in competitive and social sport," Mayor Lange said.

"This gives clubs an opportunity to grow, recruit, raise revenue and be sustainable.

"Mount Pleasant is a close-knit community and we know these upgrades will also benefit people in the wider community who access Old Talunga Park for recreation and leisure."

Mayor Lange said it was another example of the State Government and peak sporting bodies working with Council to deliver positive community health outcomes.

“We must also acknowledge Tennis SA and Mount Pleasant netball and tennis clubs themselves, who have jointly committed \$50,000 to help secure funding for their community.”

Forty-seven projects have received funding since 2018 for vital works such as building family-friendly change rooms, upgrading oval lighting and playing surfaces and constructing new clubrooms – also supporting 240 construction jobs.

Round 3, which was bought forward as part of the Government’s stimulus package to help sporting clubs bounce back from the impacts of COVID-19, will see 15 clubs across the state share in \$5 million of government funding – matched by council.

Fifty-five eligible applications were received in Round 3 with each assessed for strategic justification by the South Australian National Football League (SANFL), South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) and Netball SA.

The codes then put their recommendations to an independent committee which assessed the projects and made final recommendations to the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Corey Wingard.

“We’d love to give money to everyone but unfortunately that’s not possible,” Minister Wingard said.

“I’d like to thank SANFL, SACA and Netball SA for the effort they put into helping clubs pull together their proposals.

“The program’s co-contribution model means the Government’s \$5 million investment will lead to the delivery of projects worth more than \$16 million.

“By working with councils and the sporting codes, through Rounds 1, 2 and 3 we’ve been able to turn \$15 million of taxpayers money into nearly \$60 million worth of projects – an amazing achievement that benefits thousands of South Aussies.

“The program also gives SA’s construction industry a major boost by supporting more than 240 jobs.”

Netball SA CEO Bronwyn Klei is rapt with the outcomes of Round 3 and said of the 15 projects funded, eight projects will benefit netball clubs or associations across the state.

“Round 3 has again demonstrated the value of collaboration between the State Government, Netball SA, SANFL and SACA who have worked together to support communities in submitting quality applications and ensuring these projects meet facility guidelines and sport specific strategies,” Ms Klei said.

“We can’t wait to see shovels in the ground on these exciting projects!”

Clubs and councils who apply are required to contribute at least 50pc of the project costs and are strongly encouraged to work with the ORSR, SANFL, SACA and/or Netball SA to produce an application which meets the approved guidelines, assessment criteria and objectives of the program.