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## **New Roof and Floor for Gawler Sport and Community Centre Stadium**

Council is pleased to announce that it has been successful in obtaining \$120,000 from the State Government Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program as a contribution towards the replacement and improvement of the Gawler Sport and Community Centre Stadium Roof at Nixon Terrace, Gawler.

This is the second grant that Council has received from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing for the Gawler Sport and Community Centre this year, having received \$75,000 in funding towards resurfacing the main stadium floor in February.

Combined, the costs of these projects are estimated at \$470,000, with Council contributing the remaining funds. Works are expected to commence on the stadium roof in early 2019 and the stadium floor in late 2019. Council will work with affected sporting and community groups to ensure that there is minimal disruption.

The above projects are part of Council's ongoing improvement program for the Gawler Sport and Community Centre. Recent improvements include an upgrade to LED lighting in the Sport and Community Centre Stadium and Pavilion and replacement of the Pavilion roof at a cost of \$40,000 and \$120,000 respectively.

"The Gawler Sport and Community Centre is a valuable asset for both Council and the Gawler Community with it attracting in excess of 130,000 visitors annually to various recreation and sporting activities," said Mayor Redman. "The contributions for the State Government for these ongoing improvements will ensure that this key facility continues to be utilised to its potential and remains an ongoing and valuable community asset."

The Gawler Sport and Community Centre forms part of the Sporting and Showgrounds Precinct which will also see the construction of the Gawler Oval Grandstand Shelter in the coming months. This project was initiated from an idea submitted by the Gawler Central Sporting Club through the State Government's Fund My Neighborhood Program. Council has received \$150,000 from the State Government to design and construct the Shelter. Fabrication of the shelter will commence shortly and works on site will commence in late September 2018. As part of this project, Council is funding additional works valued at approximately \$55,000 which include a balustrade for the Grandstand Shelter and the inclusion of an asphalt ramp and seating area to the terrace area to enable wheelchair access.

Combined, the above projects represent \$835,000 in improvements to this sporting and showgrounds precinct over the past two years with Council's financial investment in the order of \$490,000.

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