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## Redevelopment of Gawler and District Netball Association Courts

Town of Gawler are thrilled to announce a significant milestone in the Gawler and District Netball Association (GDNA) court redevelopment project, as Camco are appointed to design and deliver Stage one of the project with works expected to commence on ground in March 2024.

### Key Points

- This project was made possible through a \$4.8M election commitment by the Malinauskas State Government.
- The GDNA redevelopment project represents a significant investment in the future of netball in the region and will ensure a vibrant sporting environment for years to come.

The GDNA redevelopment project encompasses several key elements, including the demolition of the existing non-compliant courts and construction of 10 new compliant courts with improved drainage, new sports lighting systems, and improved car parking facilities. These enhancements will not only elevate the playing experience for netball enthusiasts but also enable the GDNA to host regional and state-level competitions, attracting teams from across the country.

Stage 1 of the project is based on the Essex Park and Gawler Showgrounds Sporting Precinct Masterplan produced by JPE Design in 2021 which proposed two stages for the redevelopment:

- Stage 1 (short term plan) includes construction of 10 new courts.
- Stage 2 (long term plan) includes construction of an additional 2 courts and an upgrade to the club room facilities.

### Quotes attributable to Gawler Mayor Karen Redman:

“The Gawler and District Netball Association will be ecstatic at these works commencing. They have waited a long time for these upgrades and with Gawler being a growth Council many young and not so young netballers will benefit from this important work.”

“A big thank you to the State government for the funding. On behalf of Council, we are looking forward to the finished product and watching netball into the future.”

### Quotes attributable to Gawler CEO Henry Inat:

“The construction methodology and staging to deliver a successful project around the netball seasons was a strong element of Camco’s tender submission. Council and Camco will be working closely with GDNA to minimise impacts to their playing seasons.”

### Quotes attributable to Tony Piccolo MP:

The Malinauskas State Labor Government is committed to improving the opportunities for women, and in particular, young women, to participate in sport.

This project is about providing facilities for young women to play competitive netball in our local community, and recognises the huge contribution made by volunteers to provide local people with sporting opportunities.

I look forward to the local Association hosting competitions on their new courts.



### **Quotes attributable to Gawler and District Netball Association:**

"The Gawler and District Netball Association has a rich history dating back to the 1930's, and for decades has been a constant for many girls, women, and their families. Today, the Association coordinates netball over the entire year, with the traditional winter season played on Saturday's and twilight netball (which was introduced in 1983) played during the summer, which recently expanded to two nights a week.

The Association is very excited to work alongside the Town of Gawler and Camco, to bring to life the much-anticipated Court Redevelopment project. The redevelopment will ensure netball can continue for decades to come and allow the Association to expand its offering to the local community."

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