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New Inclusive Gawler Oval Changeroom Coming Soon

The Town of Gawler has been successful in securing \$450,000 in grant funding through the South Australian State Government's Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program, towards the construction of a new inclusive changeroom facility at the Gawler Oval.

The new facility will be a self-contained modular building that meets the AFL 'Preferred Facilities Guidelines', providing for both home and away teams and match officials.

Key Points

- The Town of Gawler will contribute \$400,000 to the project and Gawler Central Sporting Club will contribute \$50,000 to the project and both will work together to deliver the new fit for purpose facility.
- Population growth pressures on local sporting facilities coupled with growth, especially in female participation in Australian Rules Football, is putting unprecedented pressure on aging facilities.
- The current facility doesn't provide adequate, compliant changing facilities and it is anticipated that the development of a new inclusive facility would encourage and maximise participation, in particular by local girls/women.

Council has been focussing on securing grant funding to assist in upgrading the sporting infrastructure our community relies upon. Gawler Central is one of the largest clubs within the Barossa, Light and Gawler Football Association and with the Gawler Local Government Area being one of the fastest growing Council areas in the State, many residents are now relying on Gawler Oval as their local sports precinct.

This development will assist in supporting the 300% increase in teams that the club has managed to coordinate over the years.

The new facility is scheduled to be ready for use by the end of this year.

Quotes attributable to Mayor Karen Redman:

Council continues to work proactively with the local sporting clubs and associations to improve our sporting facilities at the all-important grassroots level. With many codes now expanding their clubs to include women's teams and competitions, it is facilities such as this one that will assist in ensuring participants have a positive experience in their sporting pursuits.

Quotes attributable to Acting CEO Andrew Goodsell:

In line with the State Sport & Recreation Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and the Gawler Community Plan 2030+, Council resolved to pursue this project to meet community expectations and support greater community participation in sport and active recreation, for improved community wellbeing. Staff are looking forward to working with the Gawler Central Sporting Club to bring this facility to our community.



Quotes attributable to Gawler Central Sporting Club:

On behalf of Gawler Central Football Club, I extend our sincerest gratitude to the Town of Gawler for their invaluable support in securing funding and their generous financial contribution towards the construction of two much-needed changerooms. The Town of Gawler's unwavering commitment to this project demonstrates their dedication to fostering community engagement and enhancing local sporting infrastructure. With our club experiencing exponential growth in both senior and junior numbers, these new changerooms will not only alleviate overcrowding but also provide our players, especially our female participants, with a dedicated and comfortable space. While we recognize there is still much progress to be made in improving our overall facilities, this milestone marks a significant leap forward for Gawler Central Football Club. We are truly thankful for the Town of Gawler's partnership and investment in our club's future.

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