

Overview

The main objective of the Port Pirie Sports Precinct Redevelopment will be to create a vibrant sporting hub in the centre of Port Pirie that aims to:

- ➔ Provide significantly upgraded facilities to replace the current ageing infrastructure;
- ➔ Facilitate the rationalisation of playing surfaces in Port Pirie;
- ➔ Reduce ongoing costs to Council, the community and individual clubs/associations;
- ➔ Attract major events to the region as part of Council's event tourism strategy;
- ➔ Assist to rejuvenate the CBD by bringing more sports to the centre of town;
- ➔ Accommodate multiple sports such as football, cricket and baseball at the Memorial Oval Precinct (incorporating Pirie West Oval) with new lighting, change rooms, canteen and toilet facilities and a function centre with viewing facilities;
- ➔ Transform the Swimming Pool Precinct with a new amenities block and also accommodate gymnastics, squash and potentially others in a multi-purpose facility.



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About the project

As with many regional communities, sport plays a major role in the way of life of local residents of Port Pirie. The City has a strong focus on the traditional sports of Australian Rules Football, soccer, cricket, netball, basketball and gymnastics as well as featuring with a large range of other recreation and competitive sporting pursuits.

In 2013 Port Pirie Regional Council commissioned a Sports Facility Review to consider the potential to rationalise grassed playing surfaces in Port Pirie in order to alleviate the ongoing burden of rising water costs on clubs and Council and ensure optimal use of sports facilities, and where possible and feasible, adopt a consolidated approach to planning and sharing community resources to alleviate the burden on volunteers and clubs.

The Review also considered the options for the redevelopment of Memorial and Pirie West Ovals together with the swimming pool and identified the Clubs and organisations that indicated that they would consider being involved in any future redevelopment of the Precinct.

Council has been successful in obtaining \$5m in funding from the Australian Government via its National Stronger Regions Fund and a further \$5m from the State Government via a 2014 State election commitment, which together with Council's own funding will now enable the proposed \$20m Port Pirie Regional Sports Precinct to proceed.

Council is now looking at converting the Port Pirie Regional Sports Precinct Master Plan, prepared by Dash Architects, into a detailed design suitable for construction and gaining all relevant approvals. Council is seeking a suitably experienced firm to work with it and key stakeholders to review and refine the Dash Architects Master Plan and make the project a reality.



Project Cost & Funding

Funding Source	Amount
Government of South Australia	\$ 5,000,000
Australian Government	\$ 5,000,000
Council	\$ 10,000,000
Total Funding:	\$ 20,000,000

Schedule

Task	Dates 2016
Request for tender - Design	Opened 5 February; Closes 4 March
Mandatory Site Meeting	17 February
Appointment of design consultant	25 March
Detailed design	30 September
Statutory approvals	30 September
Construction tender awarded	30 November
Construction	January 2017
Completion	December 2018

Project Scope

Council is proposing the following upgrades to Memorial Oval:

- ➔ Realign oval and improve drainage, irrigation system and turf;
- ➔ Seal all roadways and carpark;
- ➔ Improve lighting and scoreboard;
- ➔ Provide a new two sided function centre (200+), canteen (x2), umpire rooms (x2), change and strapping rooms (x4), office space and balcony seating (80);
- ➔ Additional seating capacity (300).

Council is proposing the following upgrades in and around the Port Pirie Swimming Pool:

- ➔ Gymnastics facility, squash courts (x3), multi-use program room and office space;
- ➔ Canteen and change rooms;
- ➔ Indoor learn to swim pool (10x15m), lagoon pool and toddler pool.

Council is also proposing the following upgrades to Pirie West Oval:

- ➔ Extend the oval onto adjacent Council owned land;
- ➔ Upgrade the oval surface and drainage;
- ➔ Provide a turf cricket pitch (currently concrete), lighting, new goal posts and fencing around the oval boundary;
- ➔ Upgrade the car park on Council's road reserve which can double as a school drop-off area and staff car parking;
- ➔ Provision of a main soccer pitch;
- ➔ Provision of a dedicated baseball diamond.

Further Information

Any community member with a question, comment or complaint should contact Council directly by phone or email using the contact details below.

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