

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, soccer 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, an indoor learn to swim pool and children's pool together with water play equipment and also accommodate gymnastics, squash, and potentially others in a multi-purpose facility.



PROJECT FACT SHEET | JANUARY 2018

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 \$21.7m Port Pirie Regional Sports Precinct to proceed.

The project commenced in January 2017 and remains on track to be completed by the end of 2018, ready to host the 2019 Regional Swimming Championships and 2019 State Masters Games.



Project Cost & Funding

| Funding Source | Amount |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Government of South Australia | \$ 5,000,000 |
| Australian Government | \$ 5,000,000 |
| Council | \$ 11,700,000 |
| Total Funding: | \$ 21,700,000 |

Schedule

| Task | Dates |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Request for Tender - Design | Opened 5 February 2016 |
| Appointment of design consultant | March 2016 |
| Detailed design | October 2016 |
| Statutory approvals | September 2016 |
| Construction Tender awarded | May 2017 |
| Demolition | January 2017 |
| Civil works commenced | February 2017 |
| Building works | August 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, toddler pool and water play equipment.

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.

Bowls and Croquet:

- ➔ Relocated croquet to the unused 'C' bowling green;
- ➔ Provide new toilets and club house for croquet;
- ➔ Provide artificial turf for bowls (x2) and croquet.

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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