

## Hon Leon Bignell MP

Minister for Recreation and Sport

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### **\$7.2 million funding boost for women's sport in SA**

In a major boost to women's sport, an additional \$7.2 million will be spent on female facilities right across the state.

21 sporting sites (see list below) will share in this round of funding to build or upgrade female change rooms and amenities. The Female Facilities Program is open to not-for-profit sports clubs, associations and community groups which can apply for a maximum of \$500,000.

There are currently almost 120,000 girls and women registered with sporting clubs in South Australia and this number is growing rapidly – this funding will ensure they have top-class facilities across a range of sports including soccer, football, hockey, cricket, netball, tennis, gymnastics and softball.

Two towns with a strong, historic rivalry when it comes to sport - McLaren Vale and Willunga - were united today in celebration as they shared in \$793,000 of funding.

The community-run Willunga Recreation Park will receive \$500,000 for change rooms which will be used by netballers, footballers and other women's sports. McLaren Vale Netball Club is set to benefit with new change rooms worth \$293,000.

Minister for Recreation and Sport Leon Bignell said it's a huge boost for two extremely competitive sporting organisations and will provide the sort of infrastructure which will set the clubs up for generations.

### **Background**

In the 2016/17 State Budget, the State Government pledged an extra \$10 million for women's change rooms at sporting venues and this was increased by an extra \$14 million in the 2017/18 State Budget.

The State Government supports sport at all levels – from grassroots through to elite. Our Government has pumped a record additional \$96 million into sport and recreation across the State to boost the health and wellbeing of South Australians in the past two years on top of the regular grant programs delivered through the Office for Recreation and Sport.

Latest figures from Office of Recreation and Sport show almost 120,000 girls and women are registered with sporting clubs in South Australia, of which 1,500 are registered cricket players and approximately 2,550 are registered soccer players.

Applications for round 3 of Female Facilities Program funding open Saturday 12 August 2017 and close Monday 9 October 2017.

For more information, visit:

[www.ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply\\_for\\_funding/womens\\_facilities\\_program](http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/womens_facilities_program)

## Quotes attributable to Recreation and Sport Minister Bignell

There has been an absolute explosion in the number of girls and women playing sport in South Australia and our government is putting in record amounts of money to ensure they have top-class facilities.

We have women and girls who have had to use male change rooms, car parks, offices or other areas at sports ground to change or prepare for their games and have no place to shower after games.

They should have the same access to and quality of facilities as our boys and men do – and we are working to achieve this.

This program is already providing massive benefits after a first round and now a further 21 sporting clubs in South Australia will be able to build new, or upgrade, facilities to encourage participation by girls and women.

### Grant Recipients

#### Metro Area

#### Northern Adelaide

- \$475,000 City of Playford Council (Angle Vale Community Sports Centre)
- \$461,000 City of Salisbury (Salisbury Oval)

#### Southern Adelaide

- \$336,000 Christies Beach Sport and Social Club (Bice Oval, Christies Beach)
- \$293,000 McLaren Vale Netball Club (McLaren Vale Sporting Complex)
- \$440,000 Sturt District Cricket Club (Price Memorial Oval, Hawthorn)
- \$500,000 Willunga Recreation Park (Willunga Recreation Park)

#### Western Adelaide

- \$71,000 Diamond Sports SA (Barratt Reserve, West Beach)
- \$500,000 Port Adelaide District Hockey Club (John Hart Reserve, Semaphore)
- \$500,000 South Australian Netball Association (Priceline Stadium, Mile End)
- \$500,000 Scout Association of Australia, SA Branch (Titanium Security Arena, Findon)

#### Adelaide Hills

- \$475,000 District Council of Mt Barker (Mt Barker Regional Sports Hub)

#### Barossa, Light and Lower North

- \$427,000 Dutton Park Inc (Dutton Park, Kapunda)

#### Eyre Peninsula

- \$360,000 Whyalla Hockey Association Incorporated (Whyalla Hockey and Sporting Community Club, Whyalla Norrie)

#### Fleurieu Peninsula

- \$134,000 Normanville Surf Life Saving Club
- \$240,000 Victor Harbor Football Club (Victor Harbor Oval)

#### Murray Mallee and Riverland

- \$475,000 District Council of Loxton Waikerie (Loxton Sporting Centre)
- \$177,000 District Council of Loxton Waikerie (Waikerie Community Sports Centre)
- \$168,000 Peak and District Sporting Club

#### South East

- \$380,000 Bordertown and District Basketball Association
- \$108,000 Naracoorte United Soccer Club

#### Yorke Peninsula and Mid North

- \$250,000 Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council (Clare Valley Lifestyle Centre)

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