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## ORROROO RECREATION GROUND SCORES FUNDING

Universal changerooms are on the way at the Orroroo Recreation Ground thanks to a grant of \$199,900 through the State's Governments Grassroots Facilities Program.

The changerooms will complete an earlier staged build of a new canteen, officials room and spectator complex which is the biggest construction project undertaken at the Recreation Ground in nearly 10 years.



(Orroroo junior sport stars excited about the development. Image credit Kate Pearce)

The Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facility Program is aimed at increasing participation and improving gender equity in Australian Rules Football, Cricket and Netball to support healthier, happier and safer communities.

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Corey Wingard said building what matters for sporting communities is part of the Marshall Government's plan to encourage South Australians to get more active, more often.

"These grants will assist sport and recreation organisations across the state to develop core infrastructure and community hubs that will directly impact participation through the rational development of well-designed and utilised facilities," Minister Wingard said.

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The District Council of Orroroo Carrieton partnered with Orroroo Football, Netball, Cricket and Tennis sporting bodies in pursuit of the grant.

Mr Dylan Strong, CEO, said the project will help support the ongoing sustainability of existing community sporting clubs and open doors to new opportunities.

“Universal change rooms will significantly improve our ability to include everyone in sporting activities at the Rec Ground so they can enjoy the many social, health and lifestyle benefits sport and recreation provides.”

“The complex is also a win for new carnivals or special events at the Recreation Ground, which will have flow-on positive impacts on the local economy”.

“The project is a real credit to the drive and passion of our local clubs”, said Mr Strong.



(Stage 1 of the new complex pictured next to the existing Grandstand. Image credit Jodie Bouilly)

The total project is valued at \$399,000 and is funded in partnership between Council, the Australian Government’s Drought Communities Programme and local sporting clubs. The development is due for completion by the end of June 2022.



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