

City of Marion approves extra funding to deliver Cove Sports Stage 1

The City of Marion will spend a bit more to deliver Stage 1 of the multi-million dollar upgrade of the Cove Sports and Community Club, plus some extras, after a confidential report outlined global price increases in construction materials.

However, the costs of the project cannot be made public just yet due to commercial-in-confidence considerations.

Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna said Council Members attending this week's General Meeting considered various options to cut costs on the project when confronted with substantial construction price increases.

"But in the end, after looking at options for cost-cutting, we decided to proceed as planned," Mayor Hanna said.

"As planned, we will deliver improved clubrooms for netball, two additional netball courts, and 188 extra car park spaces.

"The lower side field will have expanded green space so most field sports, including AFL, can be played there. Lighting will be installed to suit official games."

The extra additions include a small increase in the size of the netball clubrooms, game-level lighting, additional stormwater work and landscaping.

A development application for Stage 1 of the Cove Sports redevelopment is currently before the Council Assessment Panel. Public consultation on the project closed on Wednesday (14 December).

The project was estimated to cost \$5.7 million. The South Australian Government has committed \$2.5 million towards the project.

The report on the Cove Sports Stage 1 will be released to the public, minus any commercially sensitive information when the General Council Meeting minutes are published.

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