



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **\$8m Edwardstown oval sports revamp is go**

An \$8 million redevelopment of the ageing Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial sporting ground is set to proceed after the promise of federal funding today.

The Federal Government has announced it will commit \$4 million towards the project if it is re-elected on July 2.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the announcement - which matches Marion Council's funding commitment - was fantastic news for the community.

"I'm delighted the Federal Government has chosen to match Marion Council's \$4 million to redevelop Edwardstown Oval," Mr Hanna said.

"We know the area is long overdue for renewal and the local community will be overjoyed with the news."

The project, which will take about two years to complete, includes:

- New sports and community clubrooms with function rooms and a cafe
- Extensive viewing areas over the bowling greens and oval
- Upgrade of the cycling track around the oval
- Makeover of Memorial Park where Dawn Services are held

Mr Hanna said: "The project will be a huge boost to employment during the construction phase and potentially creating more than a dozen ongoing jobs".

"Council has been in discussion with training providers to have skills training based at the new facility, to help support employment in the area.

"Edwardstown Oval is hugely popular, catering for more than 420 cricketers, footballers, lawn bowlers and cyclists.

"The velodrome is the only one of its kind in Southern Adelaide but it's badly in need of an upgrade. The announcement is great news for serious cycling in the south."

Mr Hanna said Council will now prepare detailed designs for construction.

"The funding commitment allows us to proceed with confidence to the next stage of designing the complex and calling for tenders," Mr Hanna said.

He said the redevelopment was part of a suite of priority sporting projects which the Council has identified in the City of Marion.

"Others include new soccer pitches and a BMX track in the O'Halloran Hill area, and an indoor multipurpose sports stadium at Mitchell Park," Mr Hanna said.

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