



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Major step towards \$8m oval upgrade**

An \$8 million plan to redevelop Edwardstown Soldiers' Memorial Ground into a modern sporting hub moved a major step forward last night.

Marion Council held a special meeting to finalise a submission to the Federal Government seeking \$4 million under the National Stronger Regions Fund.

Council also approved matching funding of \$4 million if the Federal grant is received.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the approvals were a significant step towards rebuilding Edwardstown Oval.

"We have an exciting opportunity to rebuild Edwardstown Oval into a modern sporting and community hub for everyone to enjoy," Mr Hanna said.

"I'm delighted Council has chosen to invest \$4 million into the project. I am eagerly awaiting the outcome of our application for additional funds from the Federal Government.

"The community is telling us that Edwardstown Oval is long overdue for renewal."

If Marion Council secures the funding, Edwardstown Oval will be transformed into a modern complex which will include:

- A new sports and community clubroom.
- Main oval, cycling track, spectator viewing area.
- Three bowling greens.
- A redesign of Memorial Park.
- Redesigned car park.

Mr Hanna said: "Deadlines for the federal submission have been incredibly tight. We needed to hold a special Council meeting to finalise the application and approve our financial commitment before submissions closed on March 15."

The Edwardstown redevelopment is part of Council's revised plans for the sport in the City of Marion.

It includes options for new soccer pitches and a BMX track in the south, an indoor multipurpose sport stadium with 4-8 courts, and the redevelopment of Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club.

Council expects to hear the outcome of the funding application in the middle of this year.

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