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New-look velodrome for Adelaide's south

The only velodrome in southern Adelaide will be substantially upgraded as part of an \$8.8 million transformation of Edwardstown Oval into a modern sporting and community complex.

The upgrade includes bitumenised track resurfacing and fencing to international standard, spectator viewing around the perimeter and secure cycle storage sheds for use by the local cycling clubs.

The velodrome is home to South Coast Cycling Club and the Meteors Triathlon Club.

Marion Mayor Kris Hanna and Senator for South Australia Simon Birmingham today launched construction of the redevelopment at a ground-breaking ceremony.

The oval will become a new home for cycling, cricket, lawn bowls and Australian rules football.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the long-awaited redevelopment would transform the ageing site.

“Edwardstown Oval will be transformed into a new home for sport and the community,” Mr Hanna said.

“The oval will be a modern complex, popular with cyclists, cricketers, lawn bowlers and the community. The memorial garden area will be enhanced for Anzac Day services and other memorial events.

“As a bonus, the function room kitchen is designed for vocational and skills training.”

Marion Council is providing \$4.8 million of funding towards the project and the Australian Government \$4 million.

The project, which is scheduled for completion in February 2019, will include:

- New two-storey sports and community clubrooms with function rooms and canteen
- Resurfaced velodrome to create only open-air facility in southern Adelaide
- Spectator mound
- Cricket nets

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- Improvements to the memorial gardens, including restoration of heritage listed iron gates
- Storage facilities for cycling and cricket
- Car parking

The redevelopment is expected to provide a \$2.1 million boost to the local economy, creating 39 jobs during construction and 17 jobs post construction.

Mayor Hanna said Council would keep the community informed during construction, which would be undertaken in six stages.

“We aim to keep local residents informed every step of the way through regular letterbox drops and information on our website and Facebook page,” he said.

“The design was created following extensive community consultation and I would like to thank sports clubs and the community for their input.

“I especially thank the Australian Government for joining us in funding this project.”

Veterans SA are contributing \$18,500 to the upgrade of the memorial garden.

More information is available at marion.sa.gov.au/edwardstown-transformed

Background

The oval currently caters for more than 420 cricketers, lawn bowlers, footballers and cyclists.

The original site dates back to the 1920s and was built as a facility for returned World War One servicemen.

A World War One Honour Board, which includes the names of more than 200 local servicemen and is currently on display at Warradale Barracks, will be installed at the new facility.

Construction work is being undertaken by South Australian company Kennett Builders.

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