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MINISTER FOR RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING COREY WINGARD MP MEDIA RELEASE

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State Government building better sports facilities for all to enjoy

Grassroots football, netball, cricket and soccer clubs will receive a multi-million dollar funding boost in the 2018-19 State Budget to build new facilities and grow local competition.

The Marshall Liberal Government will spend \$10 million over the next two years for sports clubs, with a focus on female and family-friendly infrastructure.

The Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Corey Wingard said the program will be further supported by an extra \$1 million of funding each from Cricket Australia and the AFL.

“If successful and with the support of Cricket Australia, the AFL and Netball SA, the Government will make a further \$5 million available to extend the program by another year,” said Minister Wingard.

The program will involve matching contributions from proponents resulting in the delivery of infrastructure improvements worth up to \$24 million for local sport.

Minister Wingard said in recognition of this substantial investment in cricket, netball and Australian football club facilities, existing recreation and sport program grants will be prioritised to support other sports.

“The Marshall Government is committed to growing community sports participation by providing the right incentives for sports clubs to improve their facilities and attract more people, especially women, to their venues,” said Minister Wingard.

Gepps Cross will also become the new hub for soccer with \$19 million over three years being provided to help Football Federation SA establish a new facility at the State Sports Park.

“This new soccer hub will feature a 5,000-capacity stadium, including seating for 1,000, four synthetic pitches, an indoor soccer complex and 10 outdoor five-a-side soccer fields,” said Minister Wingard.

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“This is a very significant funding contribution for the growth of soccer in South Australia and reflects a clear commitment of support by the new State Government.”

To further encourage participation of children in sport, the Government has extended the coverage and doubled the value of the Sports Voucher Program at a cost of almost \$30 million over four years.

“Under this program, families will be eligible for twice the amount of money than they were previously, with a \$100 voucher per child, each year which will put money back into the pockets of South Australian families,” said Minister Wingard.

“This money will help go towards the cost of membership or registration fees.”

Another initiative will see \$7.7 million spent on infrastructure improvements across local community sport and recreational facilities.

“This Government is investing to improve facilities and to lower the costs of participation to encourage more people to participate in sports,” said Minister Wingard.

This funding will benefit many sports clubs including:

- Brighton Oval - \$2 million
 - Cricket
 - Football
 - Lacrosse
 - Rugby
- Campbelltown Soccer Club - \$1.5 million
- Tea Tree Gully Sports Hub - \$350,000
- SA District Netball Association - \$320,000
- Kingswood Oval - \$100,000