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\$204 million to change the game for South Australia's sporting infrastructure

The Marshall Liberal Government is leading South Australia into a sporting golden era with a **\$204 million** Sports Fund in the State Budget 2020-21 to deliver key infrastructure projects.

The State Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan maps out what South Australia needs to build from scratch and what existing facilities need upgrades to ensure we can position ourselves as a premier sporting destination.

The first two projects to be delivered as part of the 2020-21 State Budget Sports Fund include:

- **\$44 million** for Stage Two of the Memorial Drive Tennis Centre redevelopment; and
- **\$45 million** for the redevelopment of Hindmarsh Stadium

Stage Two of the Memorial Drive Tennis Centre redevelopment will build on the momentum of Stage One and continue the transformation of one of the nation's most iconic sporting precincts into a state-of-the-art arena for sporting, arts and entertainment events.

The redevelopment of Hindmarsh Stadium will bring the venue to a contemporary elite sport standard ahead of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

Premier Steven Marshall said these projects will create jobs for South Australians while building what matters for our sporting communities.

"Our investment is a game changer for sport at all levels and will cement our state as one of the leading sporting cities in the nation," Premier Marshall said.

"The first projects will create hundreds of jobs during construction, support local businesses and significantly boost our economy."

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Corey Wingard said South Australia is entering an exciting new sporting era.

"We've already seen what can happen when money is invested wisely in worthwhile infrastructure projects," Minister Wingard said.

"The Marshall Government spent \$10 million on the roof at Memorial Drive and within a year it was complete, and the venue was hosting a world-class tennis event.

"Stage Two will significantly build upon an already thriving area of the city and also has the potential to create a hub for the global e-sports phenomenon."

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Memorial Drive Redevelopment Stage Two includes:

- an additional 1,500 seat capacity across four new grandstands for a total capacity of 6,000
- areas for event activities
- general function spaces
- digital infrastructure
- elite training and recovery facilities
- improved access to the Adelaide Oval precinct

The redevelopment of Hindmarsh Stadium will bring the venue to a contemporary elite sport standard and includes:

- new and upgraded changerooms
- improved media/broadcast facilities
- new stadium lighting (3500 lux)
- pitch replacement
- shade covering over east grandstand
- improved disability access, improved corporate facilities, new kitchen and catering facilities and air conditioning

“The comprehensive work that went into our State Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan started long before we were thrown into a global health crisis but delivering on key projects outlined within it will help keep our economy strong,” Minister Wingard said.

“The Marshall Liberal Government is committed to upgrading facilities at the grassroots level through to the elite level because we know how important it is for everyone in our community to be active and healthy.

“This is a 20-year road map. More than 230 projects were identified through public consultation and if we can start to deliver on some of them immediately, all South Australians will benefit for many years to come.”