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RUDD GOVERNMENT DELIVERS OVER \$325,000 TO BOOST LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MARION CITY COUNCIL

The Rudd Labor Government has today announced the approval of more than \$325, 000 for ready-to-go local infrastructure projects in the Marion City Council area, including the redevelopment of Harbrow Grove Reserve and the upgrade to local sporting facilities.

Minister Albanese announced the funding from the \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program to support jobs and boost local economies by building and renewing community infrastructure.

"This program is the single largest investment in local infrastructure in Australia's history."

Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, today welcomed the historic local funding announcement enabling Marion City Council to receive support from the Federal Government for local infrastructure projects.

The Marion City Council will receive \$325,000 for 3 infrastructure projects across the community – overview of projects are attached.

Projects being funded include \$50,000 to upgrade the community kitchen facility at the Cove Sports and Community Club at Hallett Cove.

"I am pleased this vital funding commitment will assist in upgrading the clubs' limited facilities and will importantly deliver a range of benefits to both club members and the community," Ms Rishworth said.

Ms Rishworth said today's prompt Federal Government funding announcement will play a significant role in stimulating our local economy.

"I have made many representations in Canberra highlighting the importance of providing much-needed local infrastructure funds for our community."

Mr Albanese said that the Rudd Government was determined to act decisively with local communities to support jobs and improve the quality of local infrastructure.

"Today's federal funding announcement will help get these projects of the ground and out of the 'too-hard' basket."

"More than 3,600 projects have been submitted under the first round of the Community Infrastructure Program and the Rudd Government is getting on with the job of rolling out projects in local communities."

Ms Rishworth encourages the Marion Council to sign their contract as quickly as possible so funds can be released – contracts will be issued shortly.

City of Marion (\$325,000)

\$185,000 Harbrow Grove Reserve Redevelopment, Seacombe Gardens

The redevelopment of Harbrow Grove Reserve will incorporate water sensitive urban design principles to retain and reuse stormwater for irrigation and recreational and environmental amenity. The project is designed to reduce localised flooding, develop sustainable native landscaping, improve the amenity and use of the reserve and promote community health and wellbeing, provide educational opportunities on sustainable environmental management and enhance the surrounding streetscape and built environment.

The reserve currently provides no facilities or amenity to the community. The project will deliver a reserve incorporating a BMX track, area for passive recreation (kick-about turf area), picnic facilities, playground and public amenities. The allocation of this funding will bring forward the delivery of this project and allow the playground and landscaping works to be undertaken in 2009. The total project cost for this development is in the vicinity of \$1.1 million.

Location: Lot 11 Harbrow Grove, Seacombe Gardens, SA, 5047

\$90,000 Swim Centre Pump Upgrade, Marion

The Marion Swim Centre (public swimming pool) has been operating since 1976. The main circulating pump shell is the original pump for the pool. The pump has undergone significant repairs in recent years and has reached the end of its useful life. The provision of a new circulating pump will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the pool filtration system. A new pump will also reduce energy requirements (reduction in electricity consumption). A new back up pump system will also be included and the pool's filtration system will be upgraded to meet all current OH&S requirements. The upgrade will also reduce future operating costs (particularly energy use) of the public swimming

Location: Marion Swim Centre, Oaklands Road, Park Holme, SA, 5043

\$50,000 Sports and Community Club Kitchen Upgrade, Hallett Cove

The provision of an upgraded community kitchen facility will allow the Club to improve their cash flow and long term sustainability. The Cove Sports & Community Club at Hallett Cove was built in 1983 and in recent years has experienced strong growth, particularly from junior teams, from the surrounding residential development.

The kitchen upgrade will enable the Club to meet health standards and provide a facility that will enable the club to improve their financial sustainability and provide an income stream that will allow further projects to improve the club to be undertaken. The Club currently comprises football, soccer, cricket, netball and BMX with other regular hirers from the sporting and general community.

Location: Oval Road, Hallett Cove, SA, 5158