

## TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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### **\$40 million for sport and recreation across SA**

The 2016-17 State Budget includes a major investment in sport and recreation to boost the health and wellbeing of South Australians.

The package includes:

- \$10 million to upgrade and build female change rooms at sports clubs across South Australia;
- \$10 million to build eight artificial pitches and upgrade facilities at soccer clubs;
- \$7.5 million towards the upgrade of the St Clair Recreation Centre;
- \$5 million towards the redevelopment of the Port Pirie Memorial Oval;
- \$4.6 million towards transforming the former Ross Smith Secondary School into a sport and recreation facility;
- \$2 million to build a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) standard BMX track in O'Halloran Hill; and
- \$1.1 million to upgrade the Ice Arena at Thebarton.

#### **Background**

The \$10 million female change room grant program will be open to all clubs and recreation groups across the state.

There are 150,000 girls and women who are registered with sporting clubs in South Australia and they should have access to exactly the same level of facilities as boys and men.

The new artificial pitches and upgraded facilities will help meet the growing interest in football.

Clubs and teams to gain increased access to artificial pitches include, Adelaide City, Adelaide Olympic, Adelaide United Youth, WT Birkalla, Boys and Girls National Training Centre Programs, Eight Women's National Premier League sides, Modbury Jets, Seaford Rangers, South Adelaide, State Teams and West Adelaide.

The redevelopment of the St Clair Recreation Centre, in conjunction with the local Council, will include a multi-use indoor recreation centre, including five indoor courts, a flexible community meeting and learning space, gym and weights room.

The surrounding space will be redeveloped to incorporate a nature playground and skate facility.



The former Ross Smith Secondary School site will be transferred to the City of Port Adelaide Enfield for the development of a multi-court indoor community, recreation and sport facility.

The \$5 million towards the redevelopment of the Port Pirie Memorial Oval Sporting Precinct will include new lighting to both ovals, redevelop the existing change rooms, canteen and toilets; together with a function centre and viewing facilities.

It will also redevelop the Port Pirie Swimming Pool with along with an indoor facility to for gymnastics, squash, a shared ballet/martial arts/Tai Chi studio, a parent viewing area and conference room, canteen, toilets, change room and offices.

The State Government is also investing \$2 million to build a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) standard BMX track in O'Halloran Hill.

The track will be built on Majors Road in partnership with the Marion and Onkaparinga councils, which have also put \$750,000 each towards the project, bringing the total investment to \$3.5 million.

The State Government also previously provided funding of \$1.07 to upgrade the Ice Arena at Mt Thebarton.

#### **Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis:**

Sporting clubs and associations are at the heart of our suburbs and towns, and a hive of activity for more than 550,000 South Australians who participate in sport each week.

The State Government wants to ensure children active and have fun by taking part in organised sport.

We all know how important keeping active is and that's why the State Government is also helping parents to get more children into sport with our \$50 Sports Voucher program.

The program – which was a 2014 Labor election commitment – has been a huge success with more than 71,000 vouchers redeemed in South Australia totalling \$3.5 million.

#### **Quotes attributable to Recreation and Sport Minister Leon Bignell**

The State Government supports sport at all levels – from grassroots through to elite and this funding package will go a long way towards ensuring we encourage South Australians take part in the sports they love.

For too long, women's change rooms have been an afterthought when developing sports facilities and the State Government will be working with local clubs, sports organisations and councils to make them a priority.

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In a few weeks' time thousands of young South Australians will be cheering on Australia's BMX riders at the Rio Olympics.

We want to give future generations a state of the art facility where they can train and compete on their way to future Olympic Games.

Not only will this investment help to ensure BMX participation continues to grow, it will ensure South Australia is considered for high level BMX events such as the national and international titles.

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