

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA - COMMUNITY LIGHTING PROJECT

# HENLEY AND GRANGE MEMORIAL OVAL & HENLEY HIGH SCHOOL

<b>Facility Hierarchy:</b>	Local Club Level
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$1,192,000
<b>Clubs:</b>	Henley Sharks Football and Netball Club
<b>Council:</b>	City of Charles Sturt
<b>Project Completed:</b>	May 2023

## OVERVIEW

Historically, Henley Sharks FNC (HFNC) has been faced with scheduling issues, having had access to only Henley and Grange Memorial Oval throughout the winter football season. HFNC is home to over 30 junior teams, two senior women's teams and four senior men's teams. This exponential growth saw the need to access additional ovals to reduce the wear and tear on their home ground.

This project was a priority for the AFL as it provided an opportunity to access underutilised school grounds and support the growth of Australian Football in South Australia.

Lighting Henley and Grange Memorial Oval to 500 lux significantly increased existing hours of use, whilst the installation of 100 lux lighting at Henley High School unlocked oval capacity that previously couldn't be utilised after 5pm in winter.

The clubs long term agreement with the Minister for Education for use of the school grounds will support further growth and activation in the area, benefiting both the school and club communities.

The AFL (through the Australian Football Facilities Fund), is proud to have partnered with HFNC, SANFL, City of Charles Sturt, State and Federal Government and Cricket to support this valuable project.

## Project Outcomes

- Upgrade to 500 lux lighting at Henley and Grange Memorial Oval and 100 lux lighting at Henley High School
- Lighting upgrades support greater flexibility for fixturing training and night matches, addressing existing scheduling challenges.
- An additional 20 hours of oval usage unlocked for football per week, supporting both school and community programs



“The Henley and Grange Memorial Oval and Henley High School Lighting Projects have ensured that we now have expanded capacity in both training and matches as well as enhancing the facilities that are so important to our participants and the broader community.”

**Paul Caica, Chairperson - Henley Sharks Football and Netball Club**