

# TANUNDA RECREATION PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Club: Tanunda Football Club  
 Council: The Barossa Council  
 Venue: Tanunda Recreation Park  
 Facility Hierarchy: Regional Level Facility

Funding Partners	Contribution
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing	\$2,402,700
The Barossa Council	\$8,065,340
South Australian Government	\$332,221
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,800,261</b>

## OVERVIEW

Delivered over a number of stages commencing in 2017, the Tanunda Recreation Park redevelopment saw the upgrade and development of a 300-seat grandstand, six gender neutral player changerooms and supporting gender neutral umpire changerooms, installation of 300 LUX LED lighting, along with further upgrades to the junior oval, surrounding greenspaces, roadways and parking. This upgrade has created contemporary facilities to a venue which has been home to the Tanunda Football Club since 1908.

Classed as a regional facility, the Tanunda Recreation Park is multi-use venue, where a diverse range of participants across football, cricket, netball, tennis and other sport and community groups utilise year-round. This high usage highlighted the need to provide fit for purpose, gender neutral facilities at this facility which was once falling behind as an inclusive and welcoming venue.

With funding from Federal, State and Local government and the SA Football Facilities Fund, these upgrades have ensured that the venue is accessible and welcoming to all user groups and visitors to support participation in grassroots competitions as well as being a central sport and recreation space for the community. Particularly, the gender-neutral facilities mean that the growth of women and girls' participation in the region can be adequately supported and that all participants not only feel safe and welcomed at Tanunda Recreation Park but also see these upgraded facilities as an investment into the future of supporting diversity and inclusion in the local community. This aims to foster a sense of belonging to those at Tanunda Football Club but also provides a more accessible, safe, multi-use venue, creating a destination that can be promoted as part of a Barossa hub for major local, regional, state and national events into the future.

Previous hours of use per week	30	Current hours of use	50
Male Participation	226	Female Participation	59

The Club reports that it has been difficult to get people back into community sport since COVID, particularly families. Since the completion of this redevelopment, with the opening of the junior oval, and the change of junior football games from Friday night to Saturday morning, junior participation rates have increased. Family involvement and volunteers at the football club have also grown on previous seasons and families are staying longer at the football on a Saturday as they have green, safe spaces that their children can play on and enjoy. With the larger clubrooms, Tanunda Football Club are able to accommodate the growing numbers and are reaping the financial benefits of this growth, which they hope to build on in the coming seasons.

These facility upgrades are part of a shared vision and Memorandum of Understanding with SANFL, SACA and Cricket Australia to:

- » **Deliver the best sustainable regional sports event tourism destination for Australian Football and cricket in South Australia**
- » **Drive participation and growth from grassroots to adult grades across Australian Football and cricket.**

The success and quality of the Tanunda Recreation Park redevelopment has resulted in the venue being used during the 2025 AFL Gather Round in the Barossa for official Associated Events as an important community and football content location.

Welcoming, inclusive facilities that align with the AFL Preferred Community Facility Guidelines provide both the local community and visitors the opportunity to be active and connected in modern, purpose-built facilities. The Tanunda Recreation Park Redevelopment showcases how impactful upgrading facilities to be utilised by Australian Football participants, in partnership with other sporting codes and various level of government, have a long lasting, positive impact on the local community and overall personal wellbeing.





*"These facilities are more than just infrastructure - they help build stronger clubs, provide social connection for people of all ages, and support community wellbeing. Now more than ever, we want to keep people actively involved in sports and recreation."*

**Bim Lange**  
The Barossa Council Mayor

*"The award aims to promote and celebrate well positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit-for-purpose football facilities that support our growing game's strategic priorities and we congratulate Tanunda Football Club and The Barossa Council for delivering this redevelopment for their region."*

**Rebecca Tappert, Community Venue Development Lead - SANFL**

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*"It's a wonderful facility for the community, and particularly a great venue for our football club. There's been a whole lot of hard work, dedication and commitment from a lot of people over many, many years to make this happen. It's a fabulous result. I've always said this is a project that provides something for generations to come, not just the present day, and I'm super excited about what we've all been able to achieve."*

**Kym Underwood**  
Club President

