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Golden Grove Football Club to receive new or upgraded female change rooms

The Golden Grove Football Club will share in \$4 million worth of grants to upgrade and build female change rooms as part of the State Government's Female Facilities Program.

It has received \$24,216 as part of round one of the program, which was open to not-for-profit sports clubs, associations and community groups and allowed them to apply for a maximum of \$500,000 to build or upgrade change rooms. The club will use the funds to upgrade facilities at Harpers Field.

Applications for round two of the program, in which clubs can share in \$3 million in funding, are now open and close on April 10.

For more information, visit www.ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/womens_facilities_program

Background

In the 2016/17 State Budget, the State Government pledged an extra \$10 million for women's change rooms at sporting venues.

It was part of the more than \$40 million which was pumped into grassroots sports and facility upgrades across South Australia as part of the State Budget.

Latest figures from the Office of Recreation and Sport shows about 150,000 girls and women are registered with sporting clubs in South Australia.

This includes almost 5000 registered female football and soccer players and more than 1000 registered cricket players.

Many sporting clubs and women's sporting teams in South Australia are forced to use male change rooms, car parks, offices or other areas at sports grounds to prepare for their games.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Recreation and Sport Leon Bignell

I've visited many young female players across sporting codes from all corners of the State – and one issue they constantly raise is how hard it is to change into their uniforms at their clubs.

Many are forced to use male change rooms, car parks, offices or other areas at sport grounds and this simply isn't good enough.

Women and girls should have access to the same facilities as our boys and men do, particularly as the popularity of traditionally male-dominated sports continues to grow, and this program is helping make this a reality.

Not only will this program create greater equality across our sporting clubs, it'll also create construction jobs across our State.