



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ***Burra's best game plan yet!***

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, representatives from a number of the Burra sporting, recreation and school community met with Regional Council of Goyder Chief Executive Officer David J. Stevenson, Burra Ward Councillors Heidi Thompson and Bill Gebhardt and Council staff at the Burra Council chambers to discuss the potential opportunity of an exciting new plan to re-develop and re-invigorate the Burra sporting complex, sport clubs and school precinct area. The project idea arose from an innovative proposal that was submitted to Council by school representatives, with support from local sporting and recreation groups, in 2017.

At the meeting CEO David Stevenson noted that any development at the sporting complex and school precinct would help to 'future proof' sport and recreation, having the added potential to increase population and visitor numbers to the region. The flow-on benefits a potential new sports complex could include additional and new future events, increased economic stimulus and tourism in the Goyder region. Council has demonstrated its support for the concept through its inclusion in the Regional Council of Goyder's Master Plan 2018-2033, which is currently out for community consultation.

Sporting and recreation clubs are eager to see their individual sports and the broader community benefit from an invigorated sports complex and have expressed their enthusiasm to work together. The clubs are motivated to engage in club development to aid, improve and strengthen the opportunity to raise further funds and gain external funding to support the project.

Council will be inviting presidents of all the sporting and recreation clubs in Burra to attend, or have input into, an upcoming meeting in March to form a working committee that will explore the project opportunities, communicate with the broad spectrum of community groups and be involved in the developmental discussions .

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Further Information/Comment

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