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First Fund My Idea project unveiled in the Riverland

The first project completed through the Regional Development Fund's Country Cabinet 'Fund My Idea' program was officially opened in Renmark today by Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock.

Unveiling the 'Active Learning Space' at St Joseph's School, Mr Brock said that it was exciting to see the first project funded by the new community-driven grant initiative come to fruition.

"The Active Learning Space project, supported by \$20,000 from the Riverland round of 'Fund My Idea' has transformed the concrete entrance to St Joseph's School into a valuable outdoor learning space for the school and the broader Renmark community," Mr Brock said.

"It will encourage young people to become more active and promote children's health and wellbeing with a variety of interesting outdoor games and activities.

"This project has already delivered economic benefits to the local community by employing local contractors and purchasing construction materials locally.

"Now, the space is here for the community to enjoy for many years to come.

"This is a great example of how a 'Fund My Idea' grant can be used to make a difference to local regional communities," Mr Brock said.

"The Country Cabinet 'Fund My Idea' program is part of the enhanced \$15 million Regional Development Fund.

"\$150,000 is available annually over four years – \$50,000 for each area hosting a Country Cabinet meeting – with three meetings to be held each year. During this time, Fund My Idea will be rolled out to communities across the State," Mr Brock said.

The West Coast 'Fund My Idea' is now open following the Country Cabinet held in late November in the area. Ideas for community projects in the Ceduna, Streaky Bay, Wudinna and Elliston areas can be submitted via the YourSAy website until 5pm Monday 22 December.

Accepted submissions will be available for public voting from 4pm Friday 9 January until 5pm Monday 2 February 2015.

Further details on this latest round can be found at <http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/fundmyidea/west-coast> Participating councils can assist anyone having difficulty accessing the website