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\$300,000 State Government regional grant towards Quorn pool upgrade

The refurbishment and upgrade of the Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool is on course for completion thanks to a \$300,000 State Government Regional Development Fund grant.

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock said the pool was a vital recreation, education and leisure facility for the Flinders and completion of this significant project would benefit the wider community.

“The funding through the Community Infrastructure Program will support the completion of this important upgrade increasing safety and provide updated facilities for pool staff and visitors,” Mr Brock said.

“The regional community will be the real winner here, as well as the many travellers who come through Quorn when visiting the Flinders Ranges.

“The pool opened in 1962 and has served the community very well. However, the ageing infrastructure has led to increased operational costs, including pool maintenance and ongoing repairs.

“While a great deal of the pool upgrade has already been completed, this grant will support the purchase and installation of a significant range of essential equipment to complete the refurbishment.

“This upgrade is a great example of how the State Government’s expanded \$15 million a year Regional Development Fund is supporting South Australia’s rural communities,” Mr Brock said.

Flinders Ranges Council Mayor, Peter Slattery said that the State Government’s regional grant support meant the ambitious project could be completed in good time.

“The pool refurbishment is a \$1.9 million project and that is simply beyond the means of our small rural Council without the support of grant funding from the other levels of government.

“This project clearly demonstrates how Federal, State and Local Governments can work together to provide crucial social and recreational infrastructure for the benefit of the local community and the many tourists who use the facility when visiting the Flinders Ranges.

“The pool is used as a social and recreational swimming pool, as well as for water aerobics and fitness activities, VacSwim lessons, Quorn Area School swimming programs and is home to the Quorn Amateur Swimming Club.

“This grant will be used to replace the main filter and hydraulics. Other refurbishments will include new tiles for the main pool, a wet deck, fencing and a turnstile, a shade structure, park furniture, car park, signage, starting blocks and a new diving board, as well as a new toddler pool with ‘beach’ access, a water feature and shading.

“The grant will also go towards setting up the canteen, staff and community areas,” Mayor Slattery said.