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Three new community Copper Coast projects opened today

Local Government Minister, Geoff Brock is today officially opening three new Copper Coast community infrastructure projects at Moonta Bay, Wallaroo and Kadina.

“These regional project grants, totalling more than \$231,000, have been funded through the once-off Local Government Stimulus Program offered to local government in 2013/14,” Mr Brock said.

“The purpose of the program was to fast track the delivery of small-scale community infrastructure projects to stimulate local economies through local investment and job creation.

“Grants totalling \$7.5 million for 104 projects were approved in February last year providing more than 600 jobs during implementation.

“This funding was matched by local government resulting in a \$15 million investment in community infrastructure projects across the State.

“Councils were invited to apply for up to three projects seeking a maximum of \$100,000 for each project.

“Applications were assessed and developed in partnership with the Local Government Association with priority for those giving preference to local contractors,” Mr Brock said.

“The Yorke and Mid North region was successful in securing 22 grants worth \$1.7 million.

The three Copper Coast District Council projects officially opened today are:

- Moonta Bay Water Play Park (\$100,000 grant) – the first water park to be created in the regions providing a popular recreation and tourism facility.
- Wallaroo Rail Reserve (\$100,000 grant) – the first stage of an initiative to convert the former rail yard into a central reserve for the Wallaroo township. The first stage has seen the upgrade of the play space as an adventure playground which included pathways, landscaping and additional equipment.
- Indoor Play Café at Kadina (\$31,435 grant) providing a large indoor play facility in the town as part of the Farm Shed Museum and Tourist Centre.

“I congratulate the District Council of Copper Coast for their initiative in securing the funding for these projects which will provide enhanced community facilities across the region,” Mr Brock said.