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City of Charles Sturt - Military Road, Main Street and Henley Beach Public Plaza Upgrade

Military Road and Main Street in Henley Beach were renewed and transformed, truly prioritising people, while balancing the need for vehicle movement and parking and integrating road and path asset management with climate resilience initiatives.

The western end of Main Street was permanently closed, creating a new public plaza area extending from Henley Square - expanding the space for the community and visitors to relax and take in the seaside views, while enjoying new outdoor dining spaces and stimulating the local economy.

The hot road surface at the western end of Main Street was replaced with 200 square metres of turf, with the addition of shaded seating and spaces for adjoining businesses to use for outdoor dining providing incentives to visit the area. Usability was increased by the installation of phone charging tables, landscaping, power, drinking water and interactive seating – all providing an inviting space that mirrors Henley Square across the road. Shared use paths are accessible, replacing the steep, narrow paths that were previously squeezed in on either side of the wide road.

New stormwater drains (828m), rain gardens and permeable paving were installed to help with stormwater flow, car parking spaces were marked out to maximise parking efficiency and an electric vehicle charger provided. 137 new trees and 3,300 new coastal plantings were planted in approximately 800 square metres of new garden beds, reducing urban heat.

A significant and transformational aspect of the project was the installation of priority pedestrian crossings. Three crossings help pedestrians cross Military Road near Main Street, with pedestrians given priority at roundabouts. Travel lanes were reduced to slow traffic, and four zebra crossings installed at each roundabout.

With a City of Charles Sturt investment of \$8.6M, \$2.6M contribution from the Government of South Australia's Open Space grant program, and a \$2.6M contribution from SA Power Networks to move powerlines underground, the locale will not only meet the community's sustainability needs for years to come but provide an accessible and modern public plaza, connecting the community to the coast.

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City of Marion Capital Delivery Team - Mitchell Park Sports and Community Centre Development

City of Marion Mitchell Park Sports and Community Centre was designed to reinvigorate and expand recreation, social, health and education provisions in southern Adelaide.

Opening in June 2022, this ambitious evidence-based \$16.4M project commenced formal planning in 2015, supported by Federal and State partnership funding. It brings together sport and recreation clubs, community groups and a relocated neighbourhood centre. External infrastructure includes walking trails, cricket nets, courts, a playground, swales and public art across a 64,000sqm site, together with two indoor courts, 10 meeting rooms, indoor and outdoor change facilities, multiple catering points and a 200-person function space. The Mitchell Park Sports and Community Centre has delivered for future community needs, now.

The building's 4,800sqm footprint replaces the original 1,000sqm facility built in the 1960s. The engineering supports the latest ESD in electrical, solar, waste and mechanical solutions, with bespoke external cladding. The design and execution of the build enhance people flow, acoustics, smart technology and access requirements.

The Mitchell Park Sports and Community Centre is centrally located in the heart of City of Marion's most disadvantaged residential area, and is specifically designed to decrease isolation, provide more inclusive activities, and improve the wellbeing, liveability and health of residents. It's an outstanding example of needs-based precinct infrastructure, co-location design principles and improved community outcomes.

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City of Mount Gambier Wulanda Project Management Team – Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Development

Wulanda is an extraordinary building born from the Mount Gambier community's bold vision to create a future-proof community hub that will not only last for 60 years but will generate a legacy that will boost the City's wellbeing and economic outlook into the future.

Wulanda, meaning 'enjoy or cherish' in Bunganditj, represents a gathering place in Mount Gambier to participate in sports, recreation, community activities and events. Timber and limestone, both hallmarks of the region, are used extensively throughout the building, highlighting not just craftsmanship but also the durability and multi-generational lifespan of Wulanda.

Delivered with the assistance of funding partners, the Commonwealth and State Government, and neighbouring council, District Council of Grant, the largest community infrastructure project in Council's history, Wulanda's construction cost was \$62.5M, with around 60% spent either locally in the region or within South Australia. Of this, more than \$22M benefitted local trades and contractors, not accounting for the corresponding investment in hospitality and accommodation venues by visiting businesses and services.

The investment in the city creates an enviable centre, complete with:

- Aquatics, featuring a revamped outdoor 50m pool and new indoor 25m pool, splash pad, program pool, and learn-to-swim pool
- Three timber show courts
- Three multipurpose courts allowing opportunities to host events, conventions, concerts and sporting competitions
- A multipurpose meeting room for up to 500 guests, along with multiple consulting rooms, meeting rooms, a fully equipped gym and a fitness studio

Engagement was paramount in Council developing the scope and project design, with the community at the forefront of the project from vision to delivery. With 1,640 members and 10,000 casual visits in its first 30 days, Wulanda is already proving to be an outstanding long-term investment in the Mount Gambier community.

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District Council of Streaky Bay Infrastructure Delivery Team – Streaky Bay Jetty Platform Development

District Council of Streaky Bay faced a problem when the State Government, having undertaken an engineering audit of the iconic and historic Streaky Bay Jetty Platform, deemed the community asset unsafe for future use.

Having already had the platform fenced off preventing public use, Council was faced with the task of advocating for the renewal of this valued community asset that has been home to countless community events such as yoga, tai chi, weddings, birthdays, Christmas parties and Tasting Australia events. An opportune visit by then-Premier Stephen Marshall enabled Council to showcase the asset, highlight its importance, value to the community and stunning location.

Council secured funding through the State Government, a visionary contractor was engaged, and Council acting as the lead contractor, ensured the community's beloved Jetty Platform was not only restored and brought back to life, but brought back better, stronger and with long term sustainability in mind.

The asset delivered was a new and improved facility. The deck was completely replaced with a compliant and sustainable material that was conducive to facilitating community events. Structural beams and pylons were replaced, new railing was designed to match the amenity of the working jetty for fishing and aquaculture, pedestrian barriers were installed, along with DDA compliant furnishings.

The new and improved compliant, accessible and fit for purpose structure was delivered within the \$588,505.66 budget allocated by the State Government and officially opened in April 2022.

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