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AFL and SANFL to remediate Football Ovals

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Kangaroo Island Greg Georgopoulos the CEO of Kangaroo Island Council has expressed his sincere gratitude to the SANFL and AFL for their very kind commitment to remediate the football ovals for the Islands Clubs that make up the Kangaroo Island Football League.

'This is a tremendous gesture and will be welcomed news for the football club communities across the Island' Mr Georgopoulos said.

'Our football ovals are community space that are well used, revered and play such an important role in supporting local community well being' Mr Georgopoulos said.

'Our football ovals are places that remind us all of great achievements, long held rivalries on the field, losses, come backs. They provide opportunity for future greatness, fun and the opportunity for individuals and teams to shine. These arenas are much like a town hall. They bring us together as players, spectators and supporting volunteers. This will be a real boost to this coming football season' Mr Georgopoulos said.

SANFL Infrastructure and Community Development Manager, Lisa Faraci, said the League was pleased the AFL had distributed the funds quickly and to the areas most in need.

‘We’re delighted the AFL approved the application and saw the urgent need to support Kangaroo Island football clubs in getting their ovals ready in time for the upcoming season,’ Ms Faraci said.

“Kangaroo Island has produced champion AFL and SANFL footballers over the years and this is a small way we’ve been able to support the area during this time of loss and recovery, ensuring the rebuilding of high quality football oval surfaces for this season,” Ms Faraci said.

Mr Georgopoulos said Council staff will liaise closely with SANFL and the appointed turf expert, to co-ordinate the remediation work with Club volunteers.

Council understands that the first step is to top dress and help make ready each football oval for this coming season, that begins on ANZAC Day in April. At the conclusion of the season the turf expert and supporting contractors will return and work with Clubs and Council to undertake major remediation of the ovals, in time for cricket and the next football season.

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