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PINNAROO SWIMMING POOL UPGRADE BEGINS

Work on a major upgrade to the Pinnaroo swimming pool will begin this week, with plans for the project to be complete before the launch of the next swimming season.

The contract for the works was awarded by the Southern Mallee District Council to TPS Aquatics last month. It will see the refurbishment of the much-loved community pool to ensure it continues to be a popular recreation hub for local people for years to come.

Planned works include removing the fibreglass shell in the main and toddler pools, repairing and refurbishing both pools, installing a new pool concourse and the installation of new pipework. The toddler pool's filtration system will be separated from the main pool, and new chemical dosing units installed. The project is expected to take about four to five months to complete.

Southern Mallee District Council Mayor Jeff Nickolls said the project would deliver significant benefits for the Pinnaroo and surrounding communities.

"The Pinnaroo pool is a popular community recreation facility that is highly valued for its role in supporting water safety education for children, encouraging active lifestyles and offering a meeting place for locals of all ages," Mayor Nickolls says.

"This additional project work will complement other recent upgrades to the changerooms and other facilities at the pool.

"We are thankful for our community's patience while Council continues to plan for these new upgrades, and we look forward to delivering a much-improved pool ahead of the summer swimming season.

"Council is also grateful to the Federal Government for its funding support which has allowed us to prioritise the refurbishment of this facility."

Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin is so pleased that Federal Government funding can support these worthwhile projects for communities throughout the Southern Mallee District Council.

"I know how important these developments and upgrades are for our communities because we recognise the social and community benefits that come from increased activity as well as providing our communities a safe place to live. I am proud to be partnering with the local Council to deliver this important project." Mr Pasin said.

Funding of \$260,000 through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program will allow Council to undertake the upgrade. Council will also make its own substantial financial contribution, with the exact amount yet to be confirmed through its 2021/22 Annual Business Plan and Budget process.

Council is also continuing to plan for the upgrade of the Lamerook Public Pool and will update the community on this project in the near future.

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