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Hi-vis recovery as Marshall Liberal Government invests in record \$16.7 billion infrastructure pipeline - creating jobs, backing business and building what matters

A record \$16.7 billion job-creating infrastructure pipeline is the centrepiece of the State Budget 2020-21 that will jump-start South Australia's economic recovery and create thousands of jobs – including for local trades.

The Marshall Liberal Government is investing almost \$4 billion extra over four years in critical public infrastructure projects – including the North-South Corridor project final stage, a redeveloped Memorial Drive and Hindmarsh Stadium, as well as upgrades to schools and hospitals across SA, including the Repat, Gawler Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth.

A new \$86.5 million arts storage facility will be purpose-built to preserve millions of dollars' worth of state collections from cultural institutions including the Art Gallery, SA Museum and State Library, and will create up to 170 jobs during construction.

A \$851 million 'Tradies Package' will spearhead the state's 'hi-vis led recovery', fast-tracking thousands of jobs within the critical building and construction sector by providing an ongoing pipeline of work for plumbers, painters, carpenters, bricklayers, tilers, electricians and other suppliers, over the next two years.

Premier Steven Marshall said the Government's record infrastructure program was focused on creating jobs and turbo-charging our post-COVID-19 economic recovery in the short-to-medium term.

"This is the single biggest infrastructure investment of any Government in the state's history that will see a hi-vis led economic recovery of a scale not seen in South Australia ever before," said Premier Marshall.

"We are delivering a comprehensive package of works that will not only transform the daily lives and neighbourhoods of South Australians across the state but will create thousands of jobs – many of them over the next 18 months to 2 years.

"Our record investment includes world-class infrastructure projects, such as the much-anticipated North South Corridor final stage (\$2 billion provisioned to 2023-24) and provision for the new Women's and Children's Hospital (\$685 million), while also focusing on those important projects that can get underway and be completed, or near complete, in the short term.

"Our Tradies Package will see steel caps, hard hats, hi-vis and overalls all over the state in a targeted response to the greatest economic challenge of our time."

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Some of the projects contained within the \$851 million Tradies Package include:

- \$37 million for government schools and preschools to undertake maintenance works, in addition to \$32 million provided in 2019-20 over and above the department's normal maintenance spend.
- \$100 million in road maintenance to improve road safety, which will unlock an additional \$168 million of the Commonwealth Government's \$2 billion for shovel-ready small-scale safety projects
- \$12.1 million for the Sir Samuel Way Building façade and accessibility works
- An additional \$44 million in *Parks 2025* infrastructure builds, including tourism and visitor facilities in the Flinders Ranges, Eyre Peninsula and the Yorke Peninsula.
- Post-bushfire rebuilds including Flinders Chase on Kangaroo Island (\$45 million)
- \$40 million to upgrade boat ramps, jetties and road bridges
- Country Arts theatre upgrades in Renmark and Mount Gambier (\$2.3m)
- \$42.8 million for a number of projects that will improve our public health facilities, including in regional areas
- Works at the Torrens Parade Ground and Botanic Gardens (over \$10 million)
- An additional \$11.6 million stimulus for the non-government school sectors to improve school facilities, doubling the infrastructure funding previously made available to the sectors
- \$30 million to upgrade Golden Grove Road for further road widening, bike lanes and priority bus access
- \$22 million to renew the berthing infrastructure at Cape Jervis and Penneshaw

"The Government is investing \$1.7 billion in health capital works over the forward estimates, which is delivering important regional works, continuing the substantial upgrading of our major metropolitan hospitals, and commencing construction of a new Women's and Children's Hospital," said Premier Marshall.

"We are investing a record \$1.3 billion in our education capital works program, including the construction of the new secondary school in Whyalla currently underway (\$100 million).

"In addition, we are delivering maintenance works across the state over and above the department's normal maintenance spend through our government school and preschool maintenance grants initiative (\$37 million) and providing an extra \$11.6 million in stimulus for non-government schools to improve school facilities.

"Our \$204m sports infrastructure fund will invest in upgrades to our key stadia and facilities, as well as expand support for local recreational infrastructure.

"The first projects announced as part of this Budget are important upgrades to Hindmarsh Stadium (a \$45 million investment, in addition to \$8 million in further technology enhancements planned at the stadium), and \$44 million to continue the redevelopment of Memorial Drive.

"We are investing in a \$25 million expansion of the Grassroots Sporting Facilities grant program over the next two years, as well as \$10 million over two years for a new Regional and Districts Facilities grant program. These grant programs seek to partner with councils and sporting organisations to support the development of community sporting and recreational infrastructure.

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“We’re also committing a further \$50 million to the Aboriginal Art and Culture’s Centre (AACC), to be built at Lot Fourteen in the heart of the city, which brings the total budget to \$200 million (\$85m of which is Federal Funding under the Adelaide City Deal).

“And our parks are receiving an additional \$44 million investment, revitalising national parks and reserves in regions across the state, including the Flinders Ranges, Kangaroo Island, Yorke Peninsula, Adelaide Hills and the Barossa Valley.

“We are rebuilding tourism attractions on KI, such as Flinders Chase National Park and Kelly Hill Caves visitor precincts, which were destroyed by last Summer’s devastating bushfires.”