



2025 SA COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

FACILITY OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

Club: Barossa District FC
Council: The Barossa Council
Venue: Barossa Park

| Funding Partners | Contribution |
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| State Government | \$20,500,000 |
| The Barossa Council | \$24,920,280 |
| Barossa District Football & Netball Club | \$300,000 |
| SANFL | \$72,050 |
| SACA | \$100,000 |
| TOTAL | \$45,892,330 |

OVERVIEW

Barossa Park in Lyndoch stands as a landmark achievement in regional sport infrastructure, reflecting years of strategic planning, community advocacy, and visionary investment.

Initially conceived as part of The Barossa Council's long-term multi-generational infrastructure initiative, The Big Project, the redevelopment of Lyndoch Recreation Park into Barossa Park was years in the making, with planning commencing as early as 2015.

The project was dramatically accelerated when the venue was selected to host matches for the 2025 AFL Gather Round, prompting a fast-tracked delivery timeline requiring innovative procurement and contract management methodologies. What would typically span 3–5 years was completed in just 11 months, thanks to an extraordinary level of collaboration between the State Government, The Barossa Council, Barossa District Football Club, SANFL, AFL, and local sporting clubs.

OUTCOMES

- Completed March 2025
- Two full-size football ovals delivered, featuring high-quality tiftuf turf suitable for community, SANFL and AFL matches
- LED sports lighting has been installed (750 lux on main oval and 150 lux on second oval), enabling night-time training and matches, and increasing year-round usage
- 6 inclusive changeroom facilities support male, female, and umpire participation, with accessible design, modern amenities, and sufficient capacity for multiple teams
- A multi-purpose function centre has been constructed, providing flexible indoor space for club operations, community events, education sessions, and match-day hospitality
- The precinct includes multi-sport infrastructure, supporting activities beyond football such as cricket, netball, and community fitness, enhancing its role as a regional sporting hub



Barossa Park is a shining example of what can be achieved when long-term vision meets strategic opportunity. It embodies best practice in community facility development—welcoming, inclusive, fit-for-purpose, and future-focused. The project’s success is a testament to the power of collaboration, community engagement, and government leadership, delivering a venue that will enrich lives for generations to come.

Beyond local and regional impact, the venue positions the Barossa to host major events, meeting requirements for major events such as AFL Gather Round, as well as providing opportunities for State and National-level football competitions. This not only brings elite football to the community but also generates meaningful economic and tourism benefits for the region.

All project stakeholders, in particular The Barossa Council are highly commended for their commitment and vision to delivering this and other football venues within their region.

