



SA COMMUNITY FOOTBALL FACILITY OF THE YEAR AWARD



2025 SA Community
Facility of the Year Award
Winner - Barossa Park



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The South Australian Community Football Facility award annually recognises best practice in community football facility development across the state.

The award aims to promote and celebrate the provision of well positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose football facilities that support our growing game's strategic priorities.

To acknowledge and celebrate the diverse scale and scope of community football facility developments across the state, the award is presented in two categories recognising projects valued either below or above \$3.5 million.

PROJECT CRITERIA

Projects should deliver one or more of the following Strategic Priorities:

- Facilities meet the needs of our football community through the provision of inclusive and accessible changerooms, functional medical and coaching areas and welcoming venues that enhance spectator experience.
- Venue capacity is maximised by improving quality of ovals, lighting and supporting infrastructure.
- Growing communities have access to quality football facilities and support the development of and access to new ovals.
- Partnerships are valued and achieve shared outcomes.
- Venues support talent pathways and competition growth for players, umpires and coaches.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, the project must have direct links and benefit to an Australian Rules Football club in South Australia.

Eligible nominating organisations are:

- Community Football & Sports Clubs
- Local Government Organisations
- Schools or Universities
- SANFL Clubs

The project works must have been completed within the past twelve (12) months, with the venue accessible for the 2026 season.

LODGEMENT INFORMATION

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 4 September 2026.

Applications are to be submitted via SANFL's online application portal (SmartyGrants) at <https://sanfl.smartygrants.com.au>



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ASSESSMENT & NOTIFICATION

SANFL will assess your application and may contact you in the event we require any additional information or clarification.

SANFL will contact all applicants via email to notify you of the outcome by no later than 2 October 2026.

PRIZE

The winning submissions will receive the following:

- An award presented at the 2026 SANFL Community Awards Night
- Invitation to attend the 2026 SANFL Community Awards Night
- SANFL website story outlining the project

The SANFL Community Awards Night is held at Adelaide Oval and is scheduled to be held on Friday 13 November.

One of the winning projects will also be shortlisted as South Australia's nomination for the AFL Ken Gannon Award.

MORE INFORMATION

Website: <https://sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/grants-fundraising-facilities/facilities/>

Application Form: <https://sanfl.smartygrants.com.au/>

Email: funding@sanfl.com.au

2025 SA Community Facility of the Year Award Winners - South Adelaide Football Club (L) and Barossa Park (R)

