

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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\$1.4 million upgrade to Whyalla Jetty and community infrastructure

The Whyalla Jetty will be redeveloped as part of a \$1.4 million contribution from the State Government to upgrade local infrastructure and support the Whyalla community.

The 2017-18 State Budget includes \$1 million to redevelop the jetty, which will be matched dollar for dollar by the Whyalla City Council.

The redevelopment will expand the commercial potential of the area for waterfront living, tourism and accommodation.

Background

The State Government, in partnership with the Whyalla City Council, will also provide funding for other community infrastructure projects, including:

- **City entrance upgrades** - \$35,000 towards the installation of “entry statements” to create a sense of arrival to Whyalla and instill a positive image of the city.
- **Community amenity upgrades** - \$183,000 towards improving a number of neighbourhoods through additional landscaping, kerb replacement, pram ramps, crossovers and improved footpaths.
- **Centre for Opportunity** - \$189,000 to allow the Council to fit out its currently vacant civic library building to create space for a pop-up shop for interested parties to test their retail or business ideas.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

The 2017-18 State Budget investment is another example of how the State Government is standing with the Whyalla community and providing support to ensure this great city continues to grow.

We hope the investment in these projects provides the community with a much-needed boost as we work with the South Korean consortium, the administrators, unions, workers and the Federal Government on securing a sale of Whyalla’s steelworks that provides a new and prosperous future for Whyalla.

These community projects will improve the amenity of Whyalla, increase opportunities for locals, and lead to flow-on economic benefits for the region.

We encourage the Council to use the upgrades as an opportunity to source local people and local products to conduct the works.

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