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Media Release Sport tracking in the State Budget

The 2009 – 2010 State Budget represents steps forward in the long overdue sporting facility development in SA.

The re-juvenation process of our ageing sporting facilities has continued after the recent announcement of the State Aquatic Centre, this injection of significant funds with the upgrade of the SANTOS Stadium synthetic track and the construction of the Surf Life Saving SA Centre at West Beach, stated Jan Sutherland, CEO, Sport SA.

“It will be great for national events which will provide economic benefit for SA such as the Australian Masters Games and perhaps there may even be a Pacific School Games in Adelaide in the future”

Sport SA Chief Executive Officer Jan Sutherland said, “Our own athletes from Little Athletics, School Competitions, Inter- Club, State and National Track and Field will enjoy the faster and better track during training and competitions”

“We welcome the inclusion of support for a study into “Community based Sports Hubs” in this budget and look forward to an excellent analysis of effective models of sporting facility development which will highlight the value of sport to the community at every level.

Sport SA will ensure that the needs of our members, 145 sport and recreation organisations in SA representing over 750,000 members, are always at the forefront of these discussions.

The headquarters for Surf Life Saving SA will be a great venue for this popular sport in the Adelaide Shores sporting precinct while also serving the needs of surf lifesaving emergency services and we are looking forward to seeing this facility in operation at West Beach.

“These developments in the area of facilities for sport in South Australia are the beginning and we are looking forward to an on-going commitment by the South Australian government”... said, Jan Sutherland, CEO, Sport SA.

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