



## **Upper Spencer Gulf Councils Visit Pirie Sporting Precinct**

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Port Pirie Council recently hosted representatives from Whyalla and Port Augusta as part of the bi-monthly 'Spencer Gulf Cities Association' meeting.

The meeting discussed progress towards establishing a university study hub in the region; investigations into a tri-council planning board; drafting of an Upper Spencer Gulf transport strategy; and the partnership with other regional local government associations to promote a stronger vision for growth of South Australia's regions.

South Australian Local Government Association representatives also updated the meeting on the current work of the peak body, including progress with the LGA's China Engagement Strategy and preparing for the impact that a rate capping policy, being proposed by the SA Liberals, will have on the level of services Councils can deliver.

Council representatives also noted that the Upper Spencer Gulf is enjoying an influx of delegates attending a range of conferences and events in the region. Around 200 delegates visited the region for the 'Australian Rangelands Society' conference in late September, with a similar number expected to attend the national 'Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia' (SEGRA) conference next week.

The meeting was followed by a visit to the Port Pirie Sporting Precinct construction site.

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