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RESIDENTS are one step closer to being able to drop their kids off at a Swimming Centre crèche while they workout in the onsite gym and cool down with a swim, thanks to a \$1 million grant awarded by the State Government.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge obtained the significant grant from the Office for Recreation Sport and Racing (ORSR), to support the implementation of stage one of the Swimming Centre Masterplan.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said the aging facility was originally built in the late 1950's, and was in need of a significant upgrade to meet the needs of the community that had grown around it.

"Council recognises Murray Bridge is the regional centre for the Murraylands and requires facilities that reflect that responsibility," he said.

"The Masterplan is a long term vision for the existing site, which includes a 25metre indoor pool, learn to swim pool, hydrotherapy pool, crèche, meeting rooms and gym."

The current Swimming Centre is an outdoor facility open during the summer months. Council's Swimming Centre Masterplan outlines a staged development that would enable year round use of the pool.

Stage one of the plan is a \$2.8 million redevelopment of the existing Olympic size swimming pool, change facilities, plant room modifications and renewed pipework.

Work is set to begin at the end of the current swimming season in March 2020 and should be completed by the end of October 2020.