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### City of Holdfast Bay Engineering Team - Pine Gully Restoration

Pine Gully is a natural, steeply sloped space following an ancient watercourse, traditionally visited by the Kurna People. After European settlement, the native vegetation was cleared, and non-native trees and plants were introduced. Stormwater was directed through the gully, contributing to significant scouring and erosion with the discharge often discolouring the beach and allowing quantities of sediment to enter Gulf St Vincent.

A masterplan was developed over several years, with extensive community input, to protect and enhance the local biodiversity and improve stormwater, community access and safety, and the amenity and beauty of Pine Gully. It involved the assessment of opportunities and constraints, with reviews of the environment, landscape, stormwater and infrastructure.

Prior to this project, this site was unsustainable, unsafe and inaccessible. The Pine Gully restoration project provided significant stormwater, revegetation, and amenity improvements to create an enhanced natural space for the community to enjoy.

The project comprised of civil and landscaping works including slope stabilisation, hydromulch, installation of stormwater pipes and pits, a rock-lined channel, a new retaining wall, landscaping, and a new trail and stairs for community access. The local biodiversity was improved through selective removal of non-native trees and plants and the planting of over 2,500 native species with input from the Friends of Pine Gully volunteer group.

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### City of Playford Project Delivery Team - Mofflin Health and Wellness Reserve Upgrade

The \$4.6 million upgrade of Mofflin Reserve has transformed an unused two-hectare paddock into an integrated space for play, social connection, physical activity, rest and reflection. Funded by the City of Playford and a \$2 million grant through the State Government's Open Space Grant Program, Mofflin Reserve is strategically located within 100 metres of the Lyell McEwin Hospital and at the heart of the Playford Health and Wellbeing Precinct. It is perfectly positioned to be enjoyed by hospital workers, patients and visitors needing fresh air and rest as part of their healing journey. The Reserve also provides a much-needed recreation facility for residents and other workers and visitors to the precinct.

The revitalised space boasts a bespoke play space, nature play, walking loop, all-abilities play equipment, basketball court, fitness equipment, seating, BBQs, tree planting and raised therapeutic garden. Other elements include on-street car parking, the formalisation and sealing of the existing off-street car park, incorporation of water sensitive urban design features and the installation of 3-phase power to support community events and food trucks. Beautiful mature eucalypts frame the reserve along with 300 new trees and over 5,000 new plants and shrubs, which provide natural shade and habitat for the many birds that also enjoy the area.

The upgraded reserve provides a welcoming community destination that encompasses a holistic approach to health as well as adding a new vibrancy to the Playford Health and Wellbeing Precinct.

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### **City of Victor Harbor Infrastructure and Capital Projects Team - Mainstreet Stage 4 Construction**

The City of Victor Harbor collaborated with its community in 2014 to set a vision for its Mainstreet Precinct, developing a master plan to guide future revitalisation projects. Eight years on, Council delivered the most significant stage of this plan in terms of size, impact and complexity.

Stage 4 of the Victor Harbor Mainstreet Precinct revitalisation project was more than a streetscape upgrade. It provided for the much-needed replacement of ageing underground services, accessibility improvements and a direct impact on the long-term sustainability of around 60 retail and tourism businesses.

The \$8.8 million project, co-funded by Council and the State Government Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program, has delivered a vibrant community space for the biggest congregation of outdoor dining in the Southern Fleurieu region. The result is a lively main street precinct, attracting social and cultural opportunities, and ultimately positioning Victor Harbor as a place of choice to invest.

With a focus on functionality, accessibility, place making and innovation, the design adopted a coastal theme, using the creative integration of contemporary paving, landscaping, stormwater drainage techniques, public art, lighting and street furniture. As a result, median kerbs and bollards were removed, the road's cross-section levelled and narrowed, a disability access audit was undertaken, the stormwater system upgraded, furniture replaced, landscaping increased, public art included, wayfinding incorporated and landmark features introduced.

A multi-faceted engagement approach supported the successful delivery of civil construction works within a busy town centre, resulting in completion ahead of schedule and within the endorsed budget.

As the City of Victor Harbor's largest civil construction project in two decades, this project has had a significant impact on a wide range of stakeholders including local businesses, building owners, civic and emergency services and the broader community.

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