

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Mount Barker Campdraft Permanent Arena Fence**

The annual Mount Barker Campdraft Competition was held on the Australia Day long weekend with competitors from around the state making use of the new permanent arena fence which was installed at the Frost Park Equestrian Centre late last year.

The project was managed by the Mount Barker Campdraft Club with support from the Australian Stock Horse Society - Great Southern Branch and Riding for the Disabled - Mt Barker. Additional financial support from the State Government was made available through the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

The multi-use fence was constructed with steel cattle rail to provide increased safety for the riders, animals and spectators. It will be utilised by several clubs that use the Centre and maximise volunteer efficiency by eliminating the need to erect temporary fencing.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton officially opened the new infrastructure on Saturday and said it was pleasing to see the level of community cohesion that was evident throughout this project, to the extent that there was also a labour contribution from the Pardelup Prison Farm.

“It is positive to note that suppliers and contractors used during this project were predominantly local operators, aligning with the Government’s Local Jobs, Local Content policy,” Mr Thornton said.

With this upgraded facility, the Mt Barker Campdraft Club has the scope to increase the number of events being hosted. This should further enable the group to promote the sport and focus on fostering junior development.

It is also envisaged that the increase in events will attract more visitors to the region and boost the tourism economy in the Great Southern.

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