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Media Statement

Council disappointed by HFL decision

“The Summit Sport and Recreation Park (SSRP) is a significant community asset designed and built to AFL standards which Council believes continues to be the premier oval for football in regional South Australia.

“Council budgeted \$500,000 in the 2022/23 financial year for infrastructure improvements at the SSRP, which included the new link road, permanent fencing, overflow car parking, interchange shelters and new AFL standard goal posts.

“We were disappointed to read the media release issued by the Hills Football League (HFL) on Friday advising their decision to not play finals on the Summit oval which only a few months ago was the regional venue for a national AFL match during the Gather Round.

“The community embraced the AFL Gather Round with unprecedented positive feedback on the event and Council would be happy to see the HFL finals played at the Summit to similar applause.

“We are seeking a meeting with the HFL to understand the barriers to utilising the SSRP for finals for this year and future years and expect that a resolution can be achieved.

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