



MEDIA RELEASE

Adrian Pederick MP JP

Member for Hammond

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Active Club Grant gives swim club a 'new start'

The Murray Bridge Amateur Swimming Club has received funding assistance from the State Government through the Active Club program to assist with the replacement of the starting blocks at the town swimming pool on Adelaide Road.

Local MP Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick presented the cheque for \$5,500 to club President Craig Nulty at the pool last Friday.

Mr Nulty said the starting blocks needed to be remodelled to keep up with the modern trend of swimmers using track starts in competition, rather than the old method of having feet side by side. The remodelling would involve fitting enlarged and removable stainless steel platforms that would also incorporate special bars to facilitate backstroke starts.

Mr Nulty said the alterations would be done in time for the SA Country Swimming Championships to be held at the Murray Bridge pool in January 2008.

He added that new SwimSA requirements about minimum pool sizes for conducting official championship meets had reduced the number of country swimming pools around the state that were large enough for staging such events and Murray Bridge was one of the few remaining suitable pools.

Mr Pederick said it was good to see local facilities getting the support they needed to help them keep pace with changing needs and keep Murray Bridge as a focus for country sports events.

Caption

Murray Bridge Amateur Swimming Club President Craig Nulty (left) receives the funding cheque from Adrian Pederick MP.

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