



Port Augusta

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CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF CENTRAL OVAL

Central Oval Community Hub in Port Augusta will be celebrating their fifth Birthday a little bit differently on Wednesday 22nd April 2020. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, there will be a small celebration with highlights from the past five years showcased on social media.

Construction of the Central Oval complex was completed in October, 2014 and it was officially opened on 22 April 2015. The Oval and function centre has been well utilised by the community during this time. This was a collaborative project funded by Federal, State and Local Government and Port Augusta City Council.

The Oval has hosted National, State, Regional and local expos, conferences and workshops, over the past 5 years. It has also accommodated various State, Regional and Community sports which include Basketball, Football, Netball, Futsal, inclusive Basketball, Volleyball, school sports and Yoga. These activities have seen approximately 100,000 visitors through the doors per year.

Central Oval Manager Craig Dearlove said "It's been great to see the Community Sporting Hub develop over the past few years and to see the community and visitors utilising it."

The Oval will be transforming into an Events/Sporting Hub, with event tickets now available to purchase at the venue, and with the push for more high profile events to be featured on the recently upgraded turf. "We would like to see higher level sports and events such as AFL, AFLW, Masters Games, Cricket and music events come to Port Augusta and use the facilities in the near future." Mr Dearlove said.

John Banks the CEO of Port Augusta City Council, is proud of the hubs reputation "Central Oval has a great reputation of being a central meeting place for the community and for visitors, it is a state-of-the-art facility that still looks contemporary today." he stated.

Central Oval management is seeking to host new events and encourages any community groups to contact them if they are looking for a venue to utilise.

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