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EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CAMPBELL TOWN WAR MEMORIAL OVAL PRECINCT

The Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct is to undergo a major transformation that will see a new multi-function centre replacing the existing aged clubrooms and grandstand, an upgrade of the oval infrastructure, construction of tennis and multi-purpose courts, and enhancement of the Cenotaph surrounds.

The new multi-function centre comprises sporting club facilities to AFL Regional Standards and a multi-purpose meeting space with a capacity of 150 persons. The centre, costing \$2.8million, is being funded by Council with the assistance of a federal government grant of \$750,000. The new centre will serve as home base for a number of local sporting clubs including the Campbell Town Football and Tennis Clubs, and will provide amenities for the adjacent public swimming pool.

The oval infrastructure will also be upgraded, with the AFL partnering with Council by committing \$150,000 towards the upgrade.

“The facility, given its central location in the state, will generate significant economic and social returns for Campbell Town, attracting regional and statewide sporting groups and community organisations’ events and meetings” reported Northern Midlands Mayor, David Downie.”For example, AFL Tasmania has advised Council the redeveloped oval precinct will be a key strategic venue for their organisation; providing a training venue for AFL Academy programs and trials, a central point for School Sport Australia and State Team training session, trial games and preparation for National Carnivals” Mayor Downie said.

The Campbell Town Tennis Club is relocating to the precinct to realise the efficiencies to be achieved by utilising the facilities in the multi-function centre. Two new courts will be developed in the precinct: a synthetic tennis court and an asphalt/acrylic surfaced multi-purpose court able to accommodate tennis, netball and Hot Shots tennis for junior players.

“The total cost of the courts project is \$300,000 and Council is pleased to announce the Tasmanian Government has provided \$80,000 towards the

project through the Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program, and the Tasmanian Community Fund has provided \$55,000” Mayor Downie said. “Further funding will become available when the Tennis Club sells the existing club property”.

Campbell Town’s Cenotaph is located in the War Memorial Oval precinct close to the current clubrooms. These clubrooms will be demolished once the multi-function centre is operational and will allow the Cenotaph surrounds to be landscaped and enhanced to reduce noise and visual pollution. An election pledge of \$70,000 has been made by the Liberal Party towards this \$160,000 project.

The War Memorial Oval Precinct is located adjacent to the Midland Highway with the local school and the majority of the town’s residents having to cross the highway to access the precinct’s facilities. The need to address this road safety risk has been recognised by both the Liberal and Labor Parties, with election pledges made to construct a pedestrian underpass.