



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New Montello Sports Facility officially opened**

Montello is home to the best football clubrooms on the North West Coast, which were officially opened today.

The new Montello Sports Facility is a huge boost to the Burnie United Football Club, according to President Sheryl de Bomford.

As one of the Burnie City Council's major projects this year, Sheryl said the upgrade could see the introduction of night games.

"The new facility opens up many opportunities for our Club, particularly the lighting upgrade as we are hoping to attract night games," Sheryl said.

"This also enables us to encourage the many juniors to continue playing onto a more senior level.

"We are also looking to establish junior pitches on the former rugby pitch so that Burnie can host tournaments with the same focus as the Launceston and Hobart weekends.

"Plus the extra change rooms also allow our men's and women's teams to play on the same day during the season."

Burnie Mayor Alwyn Boyd said the new facility would include a function room catering for 60-80 people, a bar, kitchen, kiosk and four changerooms.

Mayor Boyd said the \$1 million project received \$450,000 in Australian Government funding and also \$77,000 in State Government funding through a Sport and Recreation grant for stage one of the lighting.

"This is an exciting project for Council to be part of and is a great boost to the Burnie United Football Club," Mayor Boyd said.

“The new facility will allow the Club to grow and foster the development of the many young people who play football in the Burnie region.”

Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom officially opened the facility following a mixed-team football match.

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