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Significant funding announcements for infrastructure in Nagambie

Strathbogrie Shire Council welcomed two major funding announcements today for upgrades to Nagambie Recreation Reserve and a new deep water boat ramp for Lake Nagambie.

Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes visited the Nagambie Recreation Reserve today to make the announcements.

The \$249,000 upgrade to Nagambie Recreation Reserve will consist of \$100,000 from the Victorian Government's *Country Football and Netball Program*, \$100,000 contribution from Strathbogrie Shire Council, \$30,000 contribution from Bendigo Bank and in-kind support from local user groups.

The upgrade will involve the refurbishment of the clubrooms, including:

- ✓ Female-friendly unisex toilet, shower and change room facilities in the football rooms
- ✓ Additional toilet and shower facilities in the netball change rooms
- ✓ An all-abilities toilet and shower facility including a baby-change station
- ✓ Designated umpire change rooms with toilet and shower facilities

A new deep water boat ramp will be funded by a \$294,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Department of Transport's *Boating Safety and Facilities Program*.

The boat ramp has a total budget of over \$400,000, including a \$100,000 contribution from Council and a \$100,000 donation of land from the Ryan Family.

It will be a dedicated 24 hour public access deep water boat ramp on the Goulburn River with road access from Loddings Lane.

The ramp will be supported with car and trailer parking, landscaping, boat landing, road access and signage.

Ms Jaclyn Symes said Labor is proud to support these two fantastic projects which will not only boost junior and female participation in sport at Nagambie Reserve but also boost boating tourism on the spectacular Lake Nagambie.

"The Andrews Labor Government is backing Nagambie as it grows, supporting local sporting clubs with improved facilities and assisting our local businesses and tourism operators who are keen to boost tourism opportunities to this great part of Victoria," Ms Symes said.

"The Strathbogrie Shire who will deliver these two projects has been strong supporters of the projects and it is great to see the local community get right behind them as well."

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said these announcements are hugely significant for Nagambie and the Strathbogie Shire.

“The Nagambie Recreation Reserve has been in desperate need of an upgrade to ensure its ongoing use by a number of talented sporting groups,” Mayor McClaren explained.

Mayor McClaren also said the deep water public boat ramp will be a game-changer for Nagambie and its waterways, increasing the lake’s capacity for events and competitions and enabling deep water vessel access for recreational users.

“It is so fantastic to see another two significant development projects, among many others, that will contribute to the bright future of Nagambie and the Strathbogie Shire,” Mayor McClaren said.

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