

MEDIA RELEASE

ALL CHANGE AT COONAMBLE SPORTING GROUND

Coonamble Shire Council at its October meeting resolved to award a tender for the construction of a new amenities building at Coonamble Sportsground to Winsman Group Pty Ltd for \$556,000.

This new Coonamble Amenities building is to be funded from the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Round 4 which expired on 11 July 2024.

Coonamble Shire Council received this grant funding to build Women's changerooms at the Coonamble sportsground.

The objective of the Stronger Country Communities Fund is to boost the wellbeing of communities in regional areas by providing new or upgraded social and sporting infrastructure or community programs that have strong local support.

The project aims to provide extra facilities which are much needed and lacking at the facility so sporting events at the sportsground can be accommodated.

The building will be situated on the northern side of the grandstand and will incorporate two separate female changerooms, one for the home team and the other for the visiting team. It will also have amenities as well as a referee changeroom, baby change and unisex disabled toilet.

Winsman Group will start work on the female amenities building today and aim to have the building completed and handed back to council by the end of March 2025.

The provision of these new and refurbished facilities will increase utilisation of the sportsground, allow local sporting clubs to attract more visiting teams to Coonamble for away games, and therefore support the local economy.

Mayor Danny Keady said "I am very pleased to see this project moving ahead now into construction. Sport means so much to our local community and these facilities are vital".

"Current facilities are very basic in providing only mixed changerooms for sports teams (home and away).

The need for upgrades to the Sportsground facilities was raised by the community during extensive community consultation to develop the Coonamble Shire Masterplan in 2019. It was identified by sporting clubs, the school and members of the public that better facilities were needed to attract more members to sporting clubs.

General Manager Paul Gallagher said, “sport is in the lifeblood of our community and a key component of our lifestyle. This is a significant grant we have secured and it will go towards making a dramatic improvement to the changerooms and facilities. It goes hand in hand with similar upgrades we are doing at Gulargambone.”

Paul Gallagher
GENERAL MANAGER

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Plan view of project

