

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Sports boost for Tambellup**

Sporting teams and spectators in Tambellup are celebrating the opening of an upgraded pavilion and new facilities at the town's sports ground.

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup recently completed a \$3.2 million upgrade of its Tambellup Sports Pavilion, supported by a \$200,000 grant through the Great Southern Development Commission's (GSDC) Regional Grants Scheme.

Wesfarmers managing director and former Tambellup resident Richard Goyder AO opened the pavilion on Friday 1 September.

Tambellup students and sports people marked the day with games and activities in the new centre.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton said the upgrade of the pavilion showed the drive and commitment of the Shire's sporting organisations and community members.

"The GSDC is keen to support projects like this that exemplify the strength and cohesion of regional towns in the Great Southern," Mr Thornton said.

"Young people are going to play and grow here, and learn to be part of a team.

"Plenty of others, including those more mature, are going to use the sports facilities in various ways to stay active.

"This facility will bring great benefits to the people of Tambellup and Broomehill, and will enhance the overall amenity of the region."

The upgrade provides an integrated kitchen and bar, storage areas, and new change rooms and toilets. The venue's main hall is linked to a meeting room, enabling flexibility for small-scale and larger-scale functions.

The project was intended to provide community benefits including the potential for increased participation in organised sport and recreation activities, and better social facilities for the community.

The Tambellup Sports Ground hosts tennis, hockey, cricket and football, and the bowling club to move to the site with the installation of synthetic bowling greens.

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