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\$2.5 million upgrade of Hunter Street on track

A new clubhouse and amenities block for soccer, junior rugby league and touch football will be completed this year as part of a massive investment in sport and recreation for the Blackwater community by the Central Highlands Regional Council and the State Government.

Mayor Cr Peter Maguire said this new building replaces a very old and tired junior rugby league facility while the new structure will provide for the sports of soccer, touch football and junior rugby league. The new design truly makes this a multipurpose facility, Cr Maguire said.

While the construction of a new amenities block has been the focus of stage 1, other stages are now being undertaken including the leveling of the playing fields for rugby union, junior rugby league, soccer, touch football and cricket along with the installation of irrigation and field lighting.

Cr Maguire said the majority of the earthworks have been completed and this contract was left to a local Blackwater contractor with Council supervision being supported by Curragh Mine's Mac Adlam. "The finished levels look good and particular attention has been given to drainage to ensure maximum access to these sporting fields no matter what the weather throws at us."

A new irrigation system is being installed for all fields with irrigation supply being sourced from raw river water. The present earth dam at the Hunter Street sports facilities will be replaced by a tank system which will give greater safety and security of the raw water supply and minimize losses through seepage and evaporation.

Deputy Mayor Cr Bell said “We are using the latest technology in the irrigation system to ensure the maximum use of automation and flexibility of watering times. The new multipurpose use of these fields will demand the majority of watering is done late at night which also has a water conservation and management benefit”.

Cr Bell said the community will see large lighting towers being erected as the next stage of the development progresses. Both the electrical contract and the irrigation contract were awarded to Central Highlands companies which are a good reflection on the strength and competitiveness of many of our local businesses.

“This project will enhance the health and lifestyle opportunities for the citizens of Blackwater and district”, Cr Maguire commented.

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