

Tuesday 10 May 2011

**MEDIA INVITATION**

You are invited to the official opening of the Baarmutha Park Multipurpose Centre, Beechworth.

- What:** Official Opening of the Multipurpose Centre at Baarmutha Park, Beechworth
- When:** 11am, Friday 20 May 2011
- Where:** Baarmutha Park sports ground, Balaclava Road, Beechworth

**Multipurpose centre for the whole Beechworth community**

After 12 months of construction the \$2.7 million multipurpose facility at Baarmutha Park is up and running.

The construction was funded mostly by the Federal Government to provide a relief centre during emergencies such as bushfires, as well as clubroom areas for local sporting groups.

Indigo Shire's Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said the facility was a great asset for the Beechworth community "The new two-story multipurpose facility and sports pavilion serves as clubrooms for local sporting clubs and an additional facility for the wider community. It has a new commercial kitchen, 'state of the art' technology and communication equipment, a sealed car park and viewing verandas for football, netball and golf," Cr Pockley said.

The Baarmutha Park Committee of Management President, George Browne, said the building was a great facility for the Beechworth community. "The building looks great. It has everything, and is a place that the Beechworth community can be proud of. It has incorporated a number of local groups and clubs and can be used by community groups, service clubs and members of the public for sporting and social functions, meetings and corporate gatherings," Mr Browne said.

The \$2,689,734 project was funded by \$1,657,734 from the Federal Government, \$250,000 from the Department Planning and Community Development, \$732,000 from Indigo Shire Council and \$50,000 from the Baarmutha Park Committee of Management.

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For further information, please contact Indigo Shire's Manager Community Planning David Koren 02 6028 1100.

**Caption: George Browne, President of Baarmutha Park Committee of Management, is thrilled with the new multipurpose facility.**