

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## MANNUM CRICKET CLUBROOMS TO BE REMOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW RSL FACILITY

The Mid Murray Council has thrown its support behind an important first step towards the construction of a new RSL Remembrance Facility in Mannum.

Elected Members this month agreed that Council would cover the costs associated with demolishing and removing the Mannum Cricket Clubhouse – a move that will allow the Mannum RSL's new facility to be built on that site.

The demolition has the support of the Mannum Cricket Club, which offered to surrender its lease at the Mannum Oval Complex to allow the Mannum RSL to use that location, in return for a new site for the club adjacent the oval.

The finalisation of a lease for the Mannum RSL, and Council's support to remove the clubhouse building, mean the construction of the RSL's planned Remembrance Facility can soon go ahead.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said it was a positive step forward that would pave the way for the new building.

"Council has been supportive of the Mannum RSL's desire to build a new Remembrance Facility and we've worked closely with them to find the right location," Mayor Burgess says.

"The former Mannum Cricket Clubhouse site will allow the Mannum RSL to progress construction in a location best suited to what I am sure will become a great asset to the town and our wider district.

"It's also an arrangement that will benefit the Mannum Cricket Club, allowing it to relocate to a site that better meets its needs."

Council will cover the costs associated with the demolition and removal of the clubhouse, up to \$6,500 plus GST. It will also waive the costs associated with dump fees and fencing installation costs. In addition, Council has provided 10-year lease agreements to both the Mannum RSL and the Mannum Cricket Club under a peppercorn rental arrangement.

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