



MEDIA RELEASE

Official Opening of the Upgraded Euston Recreation Reserve

Balranald Shire Council today celebrated the official opening of the upgraded Euston Recreation Reserve — a major milestone for the Euston community and a significant investment in local sport, recreation, and community wellbeing.

Mayor Louie Zaffina said the project represents “a renewed and revitalised community asset that will serve Euston for generations to come.”

The upgrades were delivered through three major government grant programs, totalling more than \$1.6 million in investment across the precinct:

- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 3 (Australian Government) – \$250,000 Delivered the Euston Oval multicourt upgrade and construction of a new shade shelter.
- Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4 (NSW Government) – \$527,626 Funded the upgrade of the Euston netball change rooms and installation of new LED lighting for the netball courts.
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 4 (Australian Government) – \$832,921 Enabled the full refurbishment of the football oval, including approximately four acres of new playing surface, a complete irrigation system, 510 metres of perimeter fencing, replacement of field light fittings, a new electronic scoreboard, eight new goal posts with padding, and a new officials and timekeepers’ box.

Mayor Zaffina acknowledged the strong collaboration behind the project, noting that while funding for earlier stages had been secured, project activation accelerated under the leadership of then-General Manager Craig Bennett, who appointed Adrian Edgcome-Lucas of North Project Management to oversee delivery. Council’s Community Projects, Tourism, Economic Development and Grants Coordinator, Connie Mallet, ensured all works met the requirements of the funding deeds and were delivered in compliance with grant obligations.

In 2023, the Euston Progressive Advisory Committee (EPAC) recommended the football oval upgrade as a priority project. Council submitted a detailed Works Schedule through the LRCI4 program, which was approved, enabling the final stage of the precinct transformation. North Project Management again led project delivery, with Council managing the grant and compliance requirements.

“These investments reflect a powerful partnership between community, Council, State and Federal Governments,” the Mayor said. “They ensure this Reserve remains a proud centrepiece for sport, recreation and community life in Euston.”

The Mayor also paid tribute to the many people who contributed to the project, including Council staff, EPAC members, the Robinvale Euston Football Netball Club, volunteers, and local partners.

"Today is a proud day for Euston," the Mayor said. "This upgrade is more than new facilities — it's an investment in our future, our families, and especially our children. It shows what can be achieved when a community believes in something and works together to make it real."

The upgraded Euston Recreation Reserve is now open for community use, offering enhanced facilities for sport, events, and social connection.

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