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Huonville Netball upgrade

Federal Member for Franklin, Julie Collins MP, visited the Huonville Netball Courts during the week to discuss the planned upgrades with players and members of the Huon Valley Netball Club (HVNC).

The courts are predominately used by the HVNC. A number of school groups access the courts for organised physical education classes throughout the school year and they are also used by the general public for informal recreational use. The playing area consists of 5-outdoor courts located within the Huonville Recreation Ground, two concrete and 3-bitumen. These ageing courts are in a poor condition with large cracks across the top two presenting a considerable trip hazard.

The Council recognises the important role the Huonville Netball Courts play in the health and wellbeing of the community and has allocated \$40,000 from the 2015/2016 budget towards upgrading 2- courts (\$20,000 per court). The court upgrades are expected to be completed in February.

Julie Collins has supported the Council's application to the Stronger Communities Fund for an additional \$20k to hopefully upgrade a third. The outcome of the grant is yet to be announced.

Completion of the project will enable the Netball Club to provide a safe environment for people to participate in the sport of netball, and importantly, continue to grow and meet the needs of their members well into the future.

Last season the Netball Club had their most successful season to date with 19 Huon teams registered at Southern Tasmanian Netball Association and of these, teams 5 made finals. Out of the 5 teams they were successful in winning 3 grand finals.



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The club's players are spread right across the Valley with 9 players travelling from Dover, Surges Bay and Lune River, 28 from the Cygnet area, 22 from Geeveston and Castle Forbes Bay, 11 from Franklin, 13 from Grove/Mountain River, 9 from Glen Huon/Judbury and 31 from Huonville. One player, who travels from Lune River clocks up over 200kms on a Saturday.

The improved playing surface will also benefit the many school groups and members of the public accessing the courts for fun and fitness.

Caption for photo

From left to right. Ellie Doyle (Huon Netball Marketing, Grants & Sponsorship Coordinator), Jacinta Green, Taylah Dillon, Ellie Doyle, Julie Collins MP, Haylee Abbott, Alannah Stewart, Chloe Dillon and Emily Coad.



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