

# NEW SOUTH WALES - COMMUNITY PAVILION UPGRADE



## MARGARET DONOGHOE SPORTSGROUND

<b>Facility Hierarchy:</b>	Local Club Level
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$358,574
<b>Club:</b>	Queanbeyan Tigers Football Club
<b>Project Timeline:</b>	March 2023 - April 2023

### OVERVIEW

The Australian Football Facilities Fund (AFFF) is committed to supporting the provision of well positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose football facilities that support our growing game's strategic priorities. This is done through creating access to new playing fields and upgrading amenities at new and existing venues.

The upgrade of Margaret Donoghoe Sportsground (Aulich Park) involved improving the existing spectator space to increase capacity with undercover seating and additional standing areas, along with upgraded technology to provide better education and training experiences for volunteers, players and visiting organisations.

This project has been beneficial to the whole community, not just the club, by not only addressing the wear and tear of the existing pavilion (which was identified as a potential safety hazard), but also installing security fencing to prevent future break ins and vandalism. The completed project ensures the safety of all participants and volunteers, fostering a secure and welcoming environment at the venue.

The technology improvements and added spectator capacity now enables an additional 10 hours per week of venue access for community and pathway football, in this case to the GWS Giants academy. This project highlights how beneficial outcomes are achieved through partnerships between local football clubs and the AFL. It serves as an example of addressing areas in need of improvement, benefitting the local club and community, while also supporting talent pathways into our elite game.

### Project Outcomes

- Extra undercover areas for spectators, officials and players
- 10 new hours per week of football utilisation to the venue
- Audio visual improvements enhanced education and training experiences for volunteers, players and visiting organisations



“To make Aulich Park the AFL Centre of Excellence for the Queanbeyan and wider regions couldn't happen without the support of the Federal & State Governments. However, without the support of our National Body, the AFL, that is driven from our AFL NSW/ACT staff, we wouldn't be able to secure such funding. Their expertise and energy to assist clubs to have the best facilities to support the growth of the game is second to none.”

**Adrian Pavese, General Manager - Queanbeyan Tigers FC**