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Upper Murray Events Centre design finalised

After a process of consultation and refinement with key stakeholder groups and sporting teams, designs for the Upper Murray Events Centre are now complete and available to view.

The design by Loft Architecture features natural materials and stone walls referencing the Man from Snowy River heritage of the region. The building design acknowledges the stone huts dotted throughout the high country.

The roof structure is inspired by the surrounding mountains and the iconic Corryong Grandstand which previously stood at the Recreation Reserve but was removed in 2016 due to structural and safety concerns. The finished building will incorporate some of the timber removed from the Grandstand in a nod to the heritage of the site.

The final project plan encompasses a major events space (including a commercial kitchen and bar), with additional space for offices and meeting rooms. The finished building will feature a full wall of windows looking out onto the sporting ground.

From the events space, an undercover walkway takes visitors to a second building which houses change rooms, additional indoor training spaces and team rooms. These will be well used during football / netball and cricket seasons.

Outside, landscaping will be added between the new buildings and the existing netball courts. Additional car parking is also included in the project.

Works on the Centre are already underway, with underground drainage and services now being installed.

Mayor David Wortmann said the project team have been working hard to ensure the project is delivered to an exceptionally high standard.

"We're really pleased at the work that's been done to date by our project team which includes a number of local suppliers," he said. "We're looking forward to seeing the building take shape and we know it will be a great asset to the Upper Murray community."

With the support of Minister Jaclyn Symes Council has secured \$800,000 in State Government funding which is in addition to the \$800,000 in Federal Government funding. A further \$600,000 has been

contributed by Council from ratepayer funds, with community funds and in-kind support to the value of \$300,000 also going toward the \$2.5 million project.

Project plans and images are available on Council's website.

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Images: Design concept renders supplied by Loft Architecture.