



Upgraded Oval Lights for Stubbs & Nenke Parks

The oval lights at both Stubbs Park and Nenke Park are to be replaced and upgraded in potential readiness for the 2024 Winter sports season.

The Kukerin and Dumbleyung ovals play host to many local sporting clubs with the Kukerin Dumbleyung Football Club, Lake Grace Kukerin Hockey Club and Dumbleyung Hockey Club using the ovals for night training.

Night training is essential as most of the club members either attend work or school during the day.

The lighting for the past few years, due to its poor condition, has made training in the evening more difficult and a potential safety issue. It also does not meet the minimum requirements under the Australian Standards for night training.

The project will see the existing 14-18 Lux lights removed with (16x) 50 Lux LED replacements. The existing tower infrastructure will remain.

The total cost of the project is circa \$81K, with funding to be split three ways between Stubbs Park Board & Kukerin Agricultural Society (joint one third), the Shire of Dumbleyung (one third) and the State Government Club Night Lights Program (one third).

Once delivered, the project will significantly enable local sporting teams to undertake night time training in a safe, effective and enjoyable manner.

Dumbleyung Shire President Amy Knight said *'Sporting activities are vitally important to the social foundation of regional communities.'*

'The Shire of Dumbleyung is pleased to partner with our local sporting clubs with our 1/3 allocation coming from the Federal Government Local Roads & Community Infrastructure funding towards this important project.'

'The Shire of Dumbleyung also played a pivotal role in project scoping, applying for and securing important State Government Club Night Lights competitive grant funding to bring the project into fruition.'

Dumbleyung & Kukerin sporting club spokesman Kim Gooding said *'This is a great outcome for our local sporting teams, particularly the Kukerin Dumbleyung Football Club, Lake Grace Kukerin Hockey Club and Dumbleyung Hockey Club.'*

'The upgrade in lighting infrastructure will enable Winter season sports training to be undertaken in a safe and enjoyable manner.'

'My sincere thanks and gratitude particularly go to the Kukerin Ag Society, Stubbs Park Board and our local sporting clubs for committing much needed funds towards the project.'

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