

COMMUNITY NEWS

Improved facilities at Goolwa RSL

JUST over two years ago the Goolwa Returned Service League (RSL) Sub-Branch recognised the lack of toilets for the disabled was disadvantaging its members.

Working with Alexandrina Council, JB Designs and Middleton Developments plans were put in place to provide such facilities.

However, due to heritage requirements (the building is the old horse stables), a considerable revamp of the whole building was needed.

The estimated costs were \$168,000.

This was funded by RSL funds of \$78,000, a grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs of \$50,000.

The shortfall of \$40,000 was covered by a major raffle, ongoing trading and the very generous support of the tradespeople and suppliers to the project.

Such support included the donation of all the iron needed for the project by Revolution Roofing.

All the trades engaged in the project provided generous support.

On Saturday, September 28 the revamped premises were opened by Alexandrina mayor Kym McHugh, who acknowledged the manner in which the Sub-Branch had retained the integrity of the building, provided an amenity for its members and guests, while

still being engaged with the community, particularly the schools involvement on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

Special guests for the day included Mr McHugh, his wife Heather, Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick and past state president Returned and Services League of Australia Jock Statton and his wife Mary.

The project had its beginnings on Remembrance Day 2010.

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REVAMP: Alexandrina Council mayor Kym McHugh, Goolwa RSL president Bob Plummer and RSL treasurer Tony Hudson at the re-opening