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Pederick congratulates East Murray on 40 years

'This facility is a tribute to the whole community and shows what community pride, care and commitment can achieve.'

Local MP Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick was speaking about the East Murray Area School on the occasion of its 40th birthday celebrations last month.

Mr Pederick said he was delighted to be involved in the celebrations and enjoyed being in the company of so many people whose community spirit and dedication had built a most extraordinary facility.

'It is a truly remarkable school and community facility in that it was created rather than evolved over time,' Mr Pederick said.

'It seems that the smaller the community is, the more committed they are to working together for the common good. East Murray Area School is an oasis of modern culture and learning in an otherwise plain landscape.

Mr Pederick said he himself grew up in the Mallee and he had fond memories of those days. His school mates had become friends for life.

'In the case of the East Murray Area School, the facility offers locals – children and adults – a meeting place, a cultural centre and a community club as well as a platform for education.

'I congratulate all those, now and in the past, whose vision, courage and community spirit has seen this facility emerge from the scrub to become the focal point of local life.'