



## News release

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# Mount Isa Rugby League to receive new facilities thanks to Mount Isa Mines

Mount Isa's rugby league grounds, Alec Inch Oval, will soon be home to new change rooms with the installation of showers thanks to a grant provided by Mount Isa Mines.

Mount Isa Mines has provided funding and in-kind assistance which will allow the Mount Isa Rugby League (MIRL) to install showers at the rugby league ground to bring its facilities up to Queensland Rugby League standard.

Following the sold-out Broncos v Cowboys trial game played at Alec Inch Oval in 2013, it became clear that the grounds' lack of suitable shower facilities would be a barrier to securing a similar rugby league showcase in the future.

The new change rooms will enable the MIRL to host NRL pre-season trial games and Intrust Super Cup football games, as well as attract regional rugby league tournaments to Mount Isa while enriching sport and recreation opportunities for the more than 700 MIRL members and players across six local clubs who use the facility every week during footy season.

Mount Isa Mines conducts a biennial Community Attitudes and Stakeholder Survey to ensure the business is investing its community development funds where they're going to deliver the greatest benefits for local people.

Executive General Manager for Mount Isa Mines' Zinc Assets Denis Hamel said the company's decision to fund the new shower facilities was based on community feedback demonstrating local people wanted greater access to improved recreational facilities, as well as an increase in community events and activities to make Mount Isa a more vibrant place to live.

"Mount Isa has a long history of producing some of the country's best known athletes, so having access to suitable facilities where local sporting groups can continue in this grass roots tradition is something that's really valuable in building the fabric of our community," Mr Hamel said.

"Similarly, events like these pre-season trial games increase entertainment options, improve the liveability of Mount Isa, boost the local economy and help shine the spotlight on our region."

"The fact that a lack of a shower block was standing in the way of Mount Isa qualifying to host these types of events was something we saw we could address, so we did."

"Supporting this initiative is something we're very excited to be part of."

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Mount Isa Rugby League Senior Competition President Shaun Wilde said he was happy to see the project finally come to fruition.

“This has been a priority for the MIRL for some time now and the benefits this will bring to our sport can’t be underestimated,” Mr Wilde said.

“Footy has been growing in Mount Isa in the last few years and we need to ensure MIRL continues to grow with the wider Mount Isa community.”

“While it’s only a game to some people, footy is a great leveller as it offers opportunities on and off the field for many of the people involved.”

This Saturday, MIRL will host the Lewie Fire Senior Grand Final between Wanderers and Towns at 3:30pm.

“My tip for the premiership winner is - it’s too close to call, but I want to wish both teams all the best for Saturday,” Mr Wilde said.

“It will be a big day at Alec Inch Oval on Saturday as there will be junior games as well so please come down and support MIRL and your community.”

“On behalf of the MIRL family, I would like to thank Mount Isa Mines for supporting our new shower facility project.”

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From L to R: Junior players with Scott Kyle – Vice President MIRL, and Ben Young – Mine Manager Zinc Open Pits, Mount Isa Mines.

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