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Boyer plan welcome

THE recent announcement of a proposed \$5 million combined sports precinct for New Norfolk represents an exciting opportunity for the region ("Bold new plan for battered Boyer", Gazette, May 27).

The proposed precinct would see a combined indoor sporting facility built at Boyer Oval, providing a new home for netball, basketball, squash and other indoor court sports. The New Norfolk Tennis Club would also be co-located at the new facility, creating a central sporting hub for the Derwent Valley.

I was briefed on the initiative by the Derwent Valley Council last Friday, toured Boyer Oval and the site of the proposed facility with a representative from the New Norfolk Football Club.

Sport has been a major part of community life in the Valley for generations. Not only is it fun, it helps build strong community ties and is a key component of healthy living.

I look forward to working together with the Council, Eric Hutchinson (Federal Member for Lyons), and other key groups on this exciting proposal. The proposed precinct has been released by the Southern Football League.

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