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Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh hailed the Wynyard Recreation Ground as one of the best in the state at today's NWFL seniors' game between the Wynyard Cats and the Ulverstone Robins.

Mayor Walsh was joined by representatives of the State Government and the Wynyard Football Club to officially celebrate the completion of works to upgrade the Wynyard Recreation Ground.

"This is a project that has been some time coming, but definitely worth the wait," Mayor Walsh said.

"I would like to thank the State Government, who provided \$30,000 to the Wynyard Football Club for clubroom upgrades and \$320,000 to Council for Wynyard Recreation Ground oval upgrade."

Mayor Walsh said the upgrades were timed perfectly with four of Wynyard's teams in this year's semi-finals.

"The fact that we are able to host a final here today is proof in the pudding, and who knows one day we may be able to host the Grand Final on this fine turf," Mayor Walsh said.

Council was able to secure the services of Total Turf Care to undertake the upgrade, with works starting in October 2014 with the oval open for use in March this year.

The works involved removal of the old bike track, installation of a comprehensive oval drainage system, new more efficient irrigation system and completely new turf growth.

“We now have a top notch facility that I’m sure is the envy of many other clubs not only on the Coast, but across the state,” Mayor Walsh said.

“Council is thankful for the State Government’s funding of this upgrade, which will allow us to fund other actions from the impending 10 year Open Space, Sport and Recreation plan that will be completed this year for the whole Municipal Area.”

Mayor Walsh also thanked the Wynyard Football Club for their cooperation during the works and throughout the year.

“The club’s support has been important to allow the new turf to fully establish to achieve the maximum long term benefit of the upgrade,” Mayor Walsh said.

“To achieve this, the club has relocated a number of junior matches and training sessions throughout the season.”

Mayor Walsh said the upgrades will ensure other uses of the ground, including cricket, would be accommodated for.

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