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Labor Member for Wellington

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New Sports Facilities at the Australian-Italian Club

***Media Note: the opening will be held at 5.30pm TODAY 23
September at the rear of the Cultural and Welfare Association at 81
Federal Street, North Hobart.***

Member for Wellington Doug Parkinson today unveiled a plaque to officially open the redeveloped Australian-Italian Club's Sports Centre Complex.

"This newly developed facility is a valuable addition to the local community's sporting facilities," Mr Parkinson said.

"The complex has been a part of the Australian-Italian community since it was first opened as a Bocce Court in 1984.

"But the re-developments mean it will be used more widely by sporting clubs and organisations in the greater Hobart area.

"The sporting complex now caters for a wide range of popular sports, including basketball, netball and indoor soccer."

Mr Parkinson said Tasmania Together, the State Government's 20-year plan for Tasmania's future, challenges Tasmanians to more than double the percentage of people who do medium or high-intensity exercise.

“Community initiatives, such as this sporting complex, helps meet these goals by providing people with more opportunities to participate in physical activity.

“It’s providing people with the chance to get involved in sport and exercise, whether at elite or grass-roots levels. I’d like to congratulate Australian-Italian Club President Liberatore Allocca and his members for their commitment and service to the community.”

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