



Media release

Minister for Sport and Racing and
Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
The Honourable Tim Mander MP

MEDIA STATEMENT: Delivering 2032 and Beyond: Games On! for Longreach

- **Crisafulli Government to invest in Longreach \$350,000 ahead of the 2032 Games.**
- **Longreach Showgrounds changerooms to receive upgrades.**
- **New floating pontoon to be constructed on Thomson River.**

The Crisafulli Government has committed to upgrading key facilities in Longreach in partnership with the Longreach Regional Council as part of the Games On! program. The Longreach Showgrounds will receive at \$280,000 upgrades, including:

- Refurbishment of three dressing rooms to increase capacity
- Construction of two new accessible changerooms, ensuring dedicated spaces for male and female athletes
- A first aid room to enhance athlete safety

The Longreach Showgrounds are the heart of local sport in the region. This investment will ensure the facilities meet the growing demands of athletes and help the region attract major sporting events.

A new floating pontoon will also be constructed on the Thomson River which will allow for more accessibility for rowing and boating.

Minister for Sport and Racing, and Minister for Olympic and Paralympic Games Tim Mander said the investment will ensure a lasting legacy for the region that extends beyond the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

“2032 will be Queensland’s Games and we want to ensure Longreach continues to shine as a premier regional sporting hub,” Minister Mander said.

“After 1200 days of Games chaos from the former Labor government and we will deliver the Games, Queenslanders deserve.”

“We have also launched consultation on our ‘What Does 2032 Mean for You?’ Discussion Paper.”

“I encourage everyone in Longreach to get involved to help shape the future of sport in the region.”

Member for Gregory Sean Dillon has welcomed the funding, highlighting the importance of sporting infrastructure for communities like Longreach.

“Sporting clubs play a vital role in rural and remote communities, providing physical, mental and social wellbeing for the people who live here,” Mr Dillon said.

“The improved amenities at the Longreach Showgrounds and a new floating pontoon on the Thomson River will be well used by the community and I look forward to seeing locals and visitors to the region benefiting from these new facilities.”

Longreach Regional Council has co-contributed \$50,000 to the project.

Longreach Mayor Tony Rayner said that these investments help improve liveability and encourage participation in sport and exercise contributing to improved health outcomes.

“The pontoon acquisition is particularly beneficial as Longreach advocates for the Thomson River to be used as a training venue for the 2032 Olympics for smaller nations,” Mayor Rayner said.

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