

Pavilion throws open its doors



Saxton Oval Pavilion - international standard sports venue and function centre.

The Saxton Oval Pavilion, the new home for representative cricket, athletics and football at Saxton Field, will officially throw open its doors on Friday 11 November.

The Pavilion will primarily be used for cricket, athletics and football but will also be available for functions and meetings. The budget for the building is \$3.8m and was designed by the Nelson firm Arthouse Architecture.

The unique cylindrical shaped building features internal spaces which work independently of the outer shell and provide international standard cricket facilities, public toilets, administration, bar, kitchen, timekeeping and storage facilities. Complementing the 100m long

structure, are covered walkways which extend from each end into the central function space, allowing views over the Athletics/Football area or out to the Cricket oval. New ramps and terraced seating provide additional spectator seating. The three changing rooms are unisex, two of these can be split into two smaller areas and the third is for referees.

A dawn service to bless the building, followed later in the morning by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10.30am, will be

attended by Nelson City Council Mayor Aldo Miccio and Tasman District Council Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

Following Rugby World Cup 2011 the first major use of the complex was the South Island Masters Games this month.

Councillor Pete Rainey Joint Portfolio Holder Community Services says the complex represents the collaboration between the three sporting codes and the Nelson City and Tasman District Councils.

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"It's really great to see the spirit of collaboration represented in the development of this outstanding facility. The iconic architectural design and construction has taken into account the shared nature of the facilities, and the particular needs of the three sporting codes. When we see this building on televised games in future we'll know its Nelson."