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from the Premier

Date October 16, 1976

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"This is an exciting opportunity for Clare," Mr. Dunstan said.

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"We have looked at the suggestion and we believe it should be studied in great detail, to determine what sporting codes and recreation pursuits should be catered for and also to establish the best site for such a complex."

The Premier said three areas had already been suggested as possible sites for the complex : the Clare Oval, the swimming pool site and land north of the town.

The Premier went on : "The study will give Clare the opportunity to work out a proposal which will serve not only the people of this district, but will help bring visitors to this region of South Australia. It's an exciting prospect and knowing the enthusiasm and imagination of the people of Clare I know you will come up with some very good plans."

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"This year marks the 100th anniversary of local government in the Laura area and this project is a centenary initiative of the Council, and it will give a great lift to an important part of the district sporting and social life," the Premier said.

"The upgrading of the Laura Oval will allow it to be used more often and will give the sporting teams in the district a third venue.

"The people of Laura have worked extremely hard in developing the Sporting reserve and the Council has reflected that enthusiasm by providing \$13,000 of the total cost.

"The Government is happy that it has been able to contribute \$6,000 and share with the people of Laura their celebrations.

"The project is a tremendous way to celebrate the past by providing better facilities for the future.

As well, the Premier announced a Government grant of \$5,260 to the Broughton Amateur Basket Ball Association to build two basket ball courts and to provide floodlighting.

The Courts will be built next to two existing courts at the Redhill Recreation Ground and will make the Redhill Centre the major basket ball facility for the district.

Thirty-six teams from eight surrounding towns will use the central courts and facilities, ensuring that the sport has a high standard facility.

"This is a tremendous project, because it will allow the players, their supporters and families to have a very good venue which will have first rate facilities," the Premier said.

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