



7 March 2022

To: Whom It May Concern
From: Lyndon Bray
CEO, Tasman Rugby

Re: Rai Valley Area School Rugby Field

Both Tasman Rugby and Rai Valley Area School have entered into an important relationship agreement, for the growth and enhancement of rugby and sport in general, in the Rai Valley area.

The business case for this agreement was for the purpose of creating a rugby venue at the school, to provide for several solutions:

- A rugby field that enables children and adults from Rai Valley, Pelorus and across Marlborough, to train and play rugby on a world class surface;
- A rugby field that enables Tasman Rugby to entertain being able to hold training sessions for its representative teams (age group and senior), at a halfway point between Blenheim and Nelson and to lessen the driving risk of players driving longer distances and over the hill into Nelson; and
- A rugby field that would provide a world class surface for other sporting codes to be able to take advantage of, outside of Tasman Rugby's requirements and with the blessing of the school.

The earthworks and irrigation system is now largely completed, with a field now up and running.

The last phase of this project is the lighting requirements, in order for the field to be able to be used in the evening. The lighting will enable the rugby fraternity to use the ground throughout the evening and allow the likes of our female players and our age group players to travel to Rai Valley after school or work, so that representative teams can train as a whole entity.

As well, the lighting of the field provides Tasman Rugby with the possibility of playing "evening rugby" on the field, either for the benefit of our local community competitions and/or for our representative teams.

This final phase will truly give Rai Valley and the Area School, a facility that will enhance the region in terms of sport and recreation.

We are proud to be able to support Rai Valley Area School with this collaborative initiative.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyndon Bray', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Lyndon Bray
CEO
Tasman Rugby Union
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