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ONE CLUB, ONE DISTRICT, ONE COMMUNITY, ONE FUTURE

I attended the Suns launch on Saturday 25th March at Pinnaroo oval which was simply put "Absolutely Sensational".

The newly formed Southern Mallee Football and Netball Club kicked the season off with trial games, senior teams from Loxton Football and Padthaway Football and Netball clubs made the trip to Pinnaroo enjoying brilliant weather to brush off the cobwebs.

The Suns will be competing in the expanded River Murray League along with the newly formed Mallee Storm Football and Netball Club which combined Karoonda and Peake.

I am full of pride and enthusiasm. Although our sports clubs are not the only thing that bring our communities together, they continue to play a critical role in the social fabric and wellbeing of our communities. The positive benefits of bringing people in from the isolation regional life often brings with it, working on friendships both new and old and of course the many benefits of physical exercise.

I was blown away, to see the ease with which both the Pinnaroo and Lameroo communities each with proud traditions and long histories of sporting rivalry came together in what could only be described as genuine goodwill and sharing of a common goal. Club Chairperson Mr Nick Dabinett asked everyone in the crowd and the district to champion the values of the new club for the betterment of the entire Southern Mallee District.

1. Respect - To show acceptance and fairness to all with whom we interact
2. Inclusivity - To establish a community that is welcoming and safe, ensuring everyone has a sense of belonging
3. Professionalism - To operate with integrity, striving for improvement and long-term sustainability
4. Enjoyment - To celebrate our time together, be positive in what we do and provide a family friendly environment that's enjoyed by all
5. Pride - To understand and value our region's history and be proud of who we are

I applaud Nick, the committee, and the club for putting into print and affirming your devotion to a set of values we should all be committed to in our daily lives which will help us develop and evolve as an entire community.

I would also like to thank the teams from Loxton and Padthaway, hopefully they enjoyed the day.

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