



# Briggs Road sporting complex rededicated

IPSWICH Mayor Paul Pisasale has rededicated the Briggs Road Sporting Complex.

Mayor Pisasale said Ipswich City Council had formed a partnership with the Kambu Progress Association and the Indigenous Coordination Centre to lease the facility last year and has since spent around \$550,000 to get the grounds and clubhouse operational.

"Just last month it was announced three sporting clubs had expressed interest in operating from the new facility which will be managed by the newly formed Briggs Road Sporting Complex Advisory Committee consisting of Council, indigenous, police, education and business representatives.

"Ipswich Junior Rugby League, Children of the Dreaming and the Swifts Sports Club will have the opportunity to operate from the facility this year while other community organisations and sporting groups will also be able to utilise the facility.

"The Ipswich Jets have also moved their home games to Briggs Road," Cr Pisasale said.

"We have such confidence in this complex, Council has also included it among the grounds to be fitted with a new soil moisture monitoring system, designed to keep sporting fields at their peak.

"The system has soil moisture sensors permanently installed in the root zone of the field to measure the wetting and

drying at the root zone of the turf.

"The system is wired into the irrigation controller so that irrigation only occurs when soil moisture levels indicate irrigation is required therefore saving water around the city," Cr Pisasale said.

"I believe we should also recognise the efforts of the people who had the vision and passion to originally develop the grounds here and respect the fact the building was named the Neville Bonner Building.

"Mr Neville Bonner was respected by many people across Australia regardless of their political persuasion and it is tremendous to see how we have all worked together to revive this Sports Complex to its former glory."



MAIT Industries technician Steve Dihn at Briggs Road field