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HAWKESBURY RECEIVES EQUESTRIAN FACILITY GRANT

Sport in the Hawkesbury Electorate has received a major boost today after the NSW Government announced a \$100,000 grant for Hawkesbury Riding Club.

The grant was awarded to Hawkesbury Riding Club for the construction of a multi-purpose indoor arena.

The grant was part of Round One of the NSW Government's Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund which will see \$50 million awarded to sporting bodies and councils over two years for new and upgraded sports facilities in greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, congratulated the club on receiving the grant which will improve equestrian infrastructure for the horse-loving Hawkesbury community.

"Sport is part of the fabric of the Hawkesbury community," Ms Preston said.

"The construction of a multi-purpose indoor arena at Hawkesbury Riding Club will provide Hawkesbury residents with a modern, fit-for-purpose equestrian facility."

Ms Wendy Pike President of Hawkesbury Riding Club, welcomed the funding for the indoor arena.

"The announcement of the Greater Cities Sports Facility Fund Grant for Hawkesbury Riding Club will be a great boost to the sporting facilities in the Hawkesbury region. With an increasing demand for safe, all weather indoor arenas this grant will enable Hawkesbury Riding Club to conduct year round programmes such as professional training, education, seminars and competition. The multi-purpose indoor arena is inclusive for use by the Hawkesbury Region and beyond.

"Hawkesbury Riding Club commenced this project in 2014 and has undertaken considerable fund raising through its volunteer member base. The Greater Cities Sports Facility Fund Grant enables Hawkesbury Riding Club to commence construction of the Indoor Arena. We wish to thank The Office of Sport for this grant and we acknowledge the New South Wales Government for their support in making the Multi-Purpose Indoor Arena a reality" Ms Pike said.

Minister for Sport Natalie Ward said the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund project will stimulate local economies, boost employment and promote healthy lifestyles across greater Sydney.

"Investing in new and existing sports is vital to improving the health and wellbeing of NSW residents," Mrs Ward said.

“The Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund will promote improved health and wellbeing, and create a construction boom, boosting employment as part of the NSW Government’s multi-billion-dollar infrastructure pipeline.”

The Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund provides grants from \$500,000 - \$1 million to councils, local sporting bodies, NSW State Sporting Organisations, State Sporting Organisations for People with Disability, National Sporting Organisations and private enterprises.

For the full list of recipients and further information on the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund, visit: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants>

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