



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **FUNDING BOOST FOR FLOOD AFFECTED LOCAL SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Grassroots sporting organisations and local clubs will benefit from a \$1.28 million NSW Government funding boost to help get players back in action across the region.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said the \$12 million Sport Priority Needs Program would support the repair and reconstruction of 7 community sporting facilities damaged in the February-March 2022 floods with grants of between \$15,000 and \$500,000.

“This cash injection will provide critical funds to support the repair, restoration and improvement of our local sporting infrastructure following the floods earlier this year,” Ms Preston said.

“Not only will this investment deliver a welcome economic boost, it will help get local sport back in action across our region by carrying out crucial repair works.”

Funded projects in the Hawkesbury include:

- Remediation of the playing surfaces at Bensons Lane Sporting Complex - \$382,940
- The repair and restoration of the South Windsor Netball Courts - \$366,206
- Remediation of the sports fields at Breakaways Ovals - \$53,104
- Remediation of the playing fields for the Soccer & Cricket Complex and the Baseball Complex at Colbee Park - \$156,326
- Remediation of the playing surfaces of the sporting fields at Deerubbin Park - \$37,136
- New amenities block at Deerubbin Park - \$185,136
- Installation of drainage systems to Bensons 7 and Owen Earle Oval at the Bensons Lane Sporting Complex - \$105,825

Minister for Sport, Alister Henskens said the NSW Government is investing in flood affected communities through the program.

“Grassroots sport plays a critical role in the fabric of our communities, keeping people healthy, active and socially connected,” Mr Henskens said.

“This funding will repair and rebuild community sporting facilities that were damaged by the devastating floods earlier this year and help communities get back playing the sports they love.”

The funding is the first tranche of a \$55 million NSW Government commitment to help community sport return in flood affected communities.

The second round of community sport flood funding, totalling \$43 million, is now available in 74 LGAs, including Hawkesbury, impacted by the February-March and June-July floods.

Applications for the second round close Friday, 9 December 2022. More information is available on the Office of Sport [website](#).

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