



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **MILLION DOLLAR FACE LIFT FOR MACARTHUR HOCKEY**

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, will join the Member for Camden, Chris Patterson, and the President of Hockey NSW, Jeff McEwen to celebrate Macarthur region's future 'stars' with a special million dollar presentation at the Macarthur Hockey Complex.

"Hockey is a sport NSW and Australia has excelled at on the world stage for many decades, with that success being largely due to associations like Macarthur Hockey which are the breeding ground for tomorrow's elite athletes," Mr Annesley said.

"I have great pleasure in confirming the NSW Government's allocation of \$1million to the Macarthur Hockey Association for the installation of new synthetic hockey turf which will assist in increasing participation opportunities for all hockey members."

Chris Patterson, Member for Camden, thanked the Minister and said, "This is outstanding news for both the Macarthur Hockey Association and the local community.

"The future of all sports is growing their junior base and this funding will go a long way to ensuring hockey in this region continues to flourish," Mr Patterson added.

Hockey NSW President Jeff McEwen said he is thrilled at the level of support for the future growth of hockey in Sydney's South West.

"The Macarthur Hockey Association was named the Hockey NSW Outstanding Association of the Year in 2010 for its significant achievements in the recruitment and retention of players across all categories," Mr McEwen said.

"The Government's commitment to the development and growth of hockey is testament to this sport's accessibility and enjoyment by boys and girls, men and women of all ages," Mr McEwen said.

"The Macarthur Hockey Association has a very proud and successful history and is to be congratulated on their record of achievement.

"The NSW Government remains committed to quality sport and infrastructure, and will continue to invest in sporting and recreational facilities to increase participation rates for all age groups," Mr Annesley said.