



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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MINISTER OPENS UPGRADED RABY SPORTS COMPLEX

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, will join the Member for Camden, Chris Patterson, and Campbelltown Mayor, Cr Paul Lake to officially open the upgraded Raby Sports Complex.

Mr Annesley said the \$1.25 million upgrade created an outstanding competition and training facility catering for both cricket and hockey in the south west Sydney region.

“I’m honoured to be officially opening the new facility in south west Sydney which will provide cricket and hockey players of the region with a state of the art training and playing complex,” Mr Annesley said.

The upgraded sporting complex will be a real boon for local clubs who will now be able to host more state and regional tournaments, which in turn will aid the local economy.

Features of the upgrade include:

- four side by side turf wickets;
- change rooms to accommodate every turf oval;
- a state-of-the-art indoor training facility with three practice wickets; and
- well-equipped, modern club house.

The project is the result of a collaborative partnership between the NSW Government, Campbelltown City Council, Cricket NSW and the local Campbelltown-Camden District Cricket Club and Campbelltown Women’s Hockey Association.

“I also acknowledge the contribution of the club and association volunteers, whose fundraising efforts supported the internal fit-out of the club house,” Mr Annesley said.

“The Raby Sports Complex has played a role in the development of some of Australia’s outstanding cricketers, including Michael Bevan, Corey Richards, Brett Lee and Sarah Coyte, and hockey players, like Olympic gold medallist Alyson Annan.

“In addition the multi-purpose complex has hosted many major sporting events, including the annual state-wide junior hockey carnival, and 2011 NSW Schoolboys Cricket Championships and this upgrade will ensure this continues.

“I congratulate everyone involved in the Raby Sports Complex upgrade and hope more families utilize this magnificent facility in the near future,” Mr Annesley said.

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