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INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CLASSIC TEES OFF IN MAITLAND

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, wished all junior golfers the best of luck as they prepared for next week's Srixon International Junior Classic to be staged at the Maitland Golf Club.

Mr Annesley said the event is the largest international junior golf tournament in Australia, with more than 300 competitors expected to take part.

"The Srixon International Junior Classic is another excellent initiative by the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation, with the event giving young golfers the opportunity to experience a tournament played under professional conditions," Mr Annesley said.

The Classic to be played from 3 – 7 October is open to players aged 15 to 18 who meet the handicap criteria, with international entrants expected from across the globe to contest the event.

Mr Annesley said the NSW Government had assisted by providing an \$8,000 funding grant through the International Sporting Events Program.

"The International Sporting Events Program aims to help NSW sporting organisations attract and stage international events in our State," Mr Annesley said.

"By providing direct financial support for high level sporting competitions, the NSW Government is helping to support the development of local athletes, coaches and officials, while also providing a welcome boost for local businesses and the economy."

"Australian golfers have been in outstanding form in recent weeks on the rich US PGA Tour and the world will be tuning into to watch the Australian Open at The Lakes and the President's Cup in November.

"I'm certain we'll see some of the young golfers teeing it up at the Srixon International Junior Classic soon playing the professional circuit, and on behalf of the NSW Government I wish them all the best of luck in this tournament," Mr Annesley said.

For more information on the Srixon International Junior Classic, please visit www.jnjg.com.au

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