



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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AMF AUSTRALIAN MASTERS STRIKES GOLD

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, said the NSW Government was excited to have Australia's premier Tenpin Bowling event, the AMF Australian Masters, being staged in western Sydney at the AMF Rooty Hill RSL facility.

"The AMF Australian Masters, is part of the wider national championships, and is without question the most prestigious and exciting event on the Australian tenpin bowling calendar.

The 2011 AMF Australian Masters is the 7th and final stop on the World Bowling Tour.

The first week of the tournament will focus on the seniors (over 50's) with the second week focusing on the elite players, before the final on 21st and 22nd October.

"I'm proud to announce the NSW Government has provided \$10,000 in funding to help with organising the event and assist local and international bowlers participate in the AMF Australian Masters final and other associated events," Mr Annesley said

"It will allow the public the opportunity to see some of the world's finest tenpin bowlers and importantly also give our local athletes much needed international experience.

Mr Annesley said the grant was through the NSW Government's International Sporting Events Program and aimed to help NSW sporting organisations attract and stage international events.

"International sporting events such as the AMF Australian Masters provide unique opportunities for NSW athletes, coaches and officials, while also creating valuable economic spin-offs for the wider community," Mr Annesley said

"It's a credit to all involved that a tournament of this stature is being held at a world class venue, which also provides on-site hotel accommodation, state-of-the-art training facilities with easy access for competitors and visitors to explore everything great about Sydney.

"The NSW Government continues to showcase itself as the home of major sporting events and I look forward to seeing other sports making applications for funding through the appropriate programs," Mr Annesley added.

For more information on the International Sporting Events Program, please visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants.