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FREE RETURN2SPORT EXPO AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, will this Thursday help launch the *Return2Sport Expo* at Sydney Olympic Park with the event showcasing over forty different sports and thirty sporting organisations offering people with a disability the opportunity to get back to sport or try a new activity.

“Sport has great physical and psychological benefits and the Return2Sport Expo event presents participants with varying abilities the opportunity to engage in sport and embrace an active and social lifestyle,” Mr Annesley said.

“Those attending this special one day expo will be able to try different sports, and speak directly with those who play the sport to determine what is best for them.

“They can also meet the organisers who can advise on ways to be more involved in an individual or team sport – for competition or recreation,” Mr Annesley said.

Return2Sport is a concept initiated by the Royal Rehabilitation Centre, to provide an opportunity for people with a disability to know there are ways to resume competitive sport, or to pursue a recreational or leisure activity that is challenge and motivating.

The non-commercial event will feature interactive sports, demonstrations, information and advice from both sports associations and displays and services from equipment suppliers.

Each represented sport will have an individual display set up where visitors can be assessed and trial a range of sports that may suit their abilities.

The *Return2Sport Expo* is organised in collaboration with The Australian Paralympic Committee and supported by: Wheelchair Sports NSW, NRL, Basketball NSW, Rowing Australia, Volleyball Australia, Sailability NSW, Cricket NSW, Football Federation Australia, Disabled Wintersport Australia, Golf NSW, Cycling Australia, ParaQuad, Gymnastics NSW, Riding for the Disabled, Bowls NSW, Wheelchair Rugby League, Softball Australia, NSW Waterski Federation.

The *Return2Sport Expo* will officially commence from 12 noon on Thursday 3 November, in the Hall of Legends and Main Arena of the Sports Centre at Sydney Olympic Park and finish at 8.00pm. Entry is free.

“The Return2Sport Expo is an exciting and worthwhile endeavour, fully endorsed by the Office of Communities’ Sport and Recreation division and I wish the organisers every success for this important and inspiring event,” Mr Annesley said.

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