



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **WORLD'S BEST TEE IT UP AT NSW WOMEN'S GOLF OPEN**

Australia's top women golfers this month get the opportunity to test their skills against the best in the world courtesy of the 2012 Bing Lee Samsung NSW Women's Open being played at the Oatlands Golf Club.

NSW Minister Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, in announcing a \$15,000 grant from the NSW Government's International Sporting Events Program, said the quality of the field will attract national and international interest over the three days of the tournament which is scheduled for 27 to 29 January.

"The 54-hole Bing Lee Samsung NSW Women's Open is the only state women's golf event with an international ranking and the NSW Government is proud to be associated with the tournament," Mr Annesley said.

"This exciting event has attracted some of the world's best women golfers, with Laura Davies, Melissa Reid, Sarah Oh and defending champion Caroline Hedwall teeing it up next week.

"Attracting world class talent is a way to boost the sport's profile and this year's event will see 12 winners from the Ladies European Tour playing," Mr Annesley added.

Mr Annesley said, "The International Sporting Events Program (ISEP) supports local sports organisations to attract and stage international events in NSW.

"This is the third year in succession the Open has received a grant through ISEP, bringing the total support by the NSW Government to \$55,000.

"International sporting events promote NSW on the world stage while also helping our local athletes, coaches and officials to gain elite competition experience at home.

"Spectator entry to the 2012 Bing Lee Samsung NSW Women's Open is free and I encourage all golf fans to get to the picturesque Oatlands golf course to see some of the world's best women golfers in action," Mr Annesley said.

For more information on the 2012 Bing Lee Samsung NSW Women's Open, visit the website at [www.womensnswopen.com.au](http://www.womensnswopen.com.au).