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GOLF'S YOUNGEST CHAMPION CREATES HISTORY

NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, has congratulated New Zealand golf sensation, Lydia Ko, following her historic victory at the NSW Women's Golf Open at Oatlands Golf Club today.

"I had the privilege of witnessing golf at its absolute best today and Lydia Ko showed maturity beyond her years to become the youngest ever winner of a professional golf tournament," Mr Annesley said.

New Zealand's amateur golfing prodigy, Lydia Ko, created history with her Bing Lee Samsung NSW Women's Golf Open victory at just 14 years of age.

Lydia's 4 shot victory over Becky Morgan (Wales) followed her runner-up finish in last year's tournament and she will now have the eyes of the golf world focused on her in both the Women's Australian Open and Masters in coming weeks.

"When Lydia's final tee shot hit the flag stick on the 18th I knew I was watching someone very special," Mr Annesley said.

"Lydia has had a very successful amateur career to date and I'm certain this first success in a professional event will be the forerunner to many more.

"The support of the international players was tremendous and my congratulations go to Becky Morgan from Wales on her final round 66 to finish runner-up.

"Golf NSW Chairman Chris Allen and his team are also to be congratulated on staging a very successful event and the NSW Government is proud to support such a prestigious sporting event.

"Yet again NSW is setting the pace in sport and today will live long in the memories of those fortunate enough to watch Lydia Ko create history," Mr Annesley said.