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## **BIG WIN FOR LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS**

Seven local clubs for seven different sports have been successful in securing a total of almost \$50,000 in local grant funding from the NSW Office of Sport.

"This is a huge win for our electorate" said Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams. "Castle Hill is a sporting area, and this program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in recreation, across a range of sports and ages."

There are four project types within the grant program, these being: Sport Development, Community Sport Events, Sport Access and Facility Development.

Castle Hill Bowling Club will receive \$8,000 towards replacing the deteriorated sun shades around the greens. This replacement was a necessity for the club to ensure there is adequate sun protection for all participants.

"Lawn bowls is a huge participation sport for our aging population" said Mr Williams. "However there has been a surge of younger players getting involved and having a go".

He said "This mix of generations on the playing field is a wonderful thing to see, and we want to make sure that those who participate are well shaded from our damaging sun".

The other clubs to receive funding include Castle Hill RSL Gymnastics, Hills Basketball Association, Hills United Soccer, Hills District Pony Club, Rouse Hill Magpies AFL Club and Hills Hornets Touch Football.

Sport delivers many personal and community benefits including developing self-esteem, health and fitness, nurturing talented athletes and contributing to individual enjoyment of life. It can also help with other priorities such as childhood obesity and building safer communities.

Mr Williams said "This NSW Government funding will help increase regular and on-going participation in sport, address barriers to participation in sport, and assist sports clubs to provide quality service to their members; and I am thrilled these grants have been awarded in our area".

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