



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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**Member for Castle Hill**  
**Minister for Multiculturalism and**  
**Minister for Disability Services**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS RECEIVE LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

Two more sporting clubs in the Castle Hill electorate will receive funding from the NSW Government towards the purchase of life-saving technology to assist people experiencing cardiac emergencies.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the Hills United Football Club and the Budokan Judo Club have both been successful in securing grant funding towards the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) as part of the Local Sports Defibrillator Program.

“Sport is vital part of the Castle Hill community’s social fabric and we need to make sport as safe as possible,” Mr Williams said.

“Having access to a defibrillator in the first eight minutes after a cardiac arrest is vital to give people the best chances of survival so I recommend all the clubs in our area to apply to this grant program.”

Minister for Sport, Stuart Ayres said 322 sports clubs across the state had been awarded a grant to purchase a defibrillator in the current round of funding.

“The four-year Local Sport Defibrillator Program assists sports organisations across the state to purchase AEDs for their sport and recreation facilities,” Mr Ayres said.

“Clubs receive 50 per cent towards the funding and maintenance of a defibrillator, with clubs in NSW’s Far West region receiving a 75 per cent co-contribution from the program.

“Since the commencement of the Program in 2017, the NSW government has provided \$985,000 to assist with the purchase of 780 defibrillators for sport and recreation facilities.”

The program will remain open for applications from now until May 2019. For more information on the Local Sports Defibrillator Program, visit: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator>

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