



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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#### LOCAL CRICKET TO BENEFIT FROM T20 WORLD CUP 2020 LEGACY FUND

Cricket clubs and councils in the Castle Hill electorate can apply for \$2 million in grants to help their local cricket community through Round 2 of the NSW ICC T20 World Cup 2020 Cricket Legacy Fund.

55 projects received \$1.96 million in funding in Round 1 of the grant program in 2018. Round 2 will see another \$2 million available for new facilities and programs to drive participation.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams encouraged local clubs and councils to take advantage of the opportunity to improve the quality and quantity of cricketing facilities across the electorate.

“The NSW Government has ensured grassroots cricket in regional and suburban areas benefit from NSW hosting games at the women’s and men’s ICC T20 World Cup tournaments,” Mr Williams said.

“The NSW ICC T20 World Cup 2020 Legacy Fund enables clubs and councils in the Castle Hill to improve local cricket facilities, increase participation and attract major cricket events.

“I urge the local cricket community to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.”

Minister for Sport John Sidoti said the ICC T20 World Cup will be an amazing spectacle of the world’s best male and female cricketers.

“The ICC T20 World Cup is the format’s pinnacle competition and the atmosphere at games will be electric,” Mr Sidoti said.

“Sydney will host 14 matches across the Men’s and Women’s ICC T20 World Cup tournaments, including three of the four semi-finals in both tournaments and the Women’s Opening Celebration at Sydney Showground Stadium between Australia and India.

“The T20 Legacy Fund is about giving back to local cricket clubs and I encourage clubs, associations and councils in the Castle Hill electorate to take advantage of this once in a generation opportunity.”

The Legacy Fund is part of the NSW Government’s successful bid for matches in Sydney at the ICC T20 World Cup 2020 tournaments resulting in a \$6 million investment over three years in new facilities and programs to drive participation.

Applications for the NSW ICC T20 World Cup 2020 Legacy Fund will be open **from 28 May – 8 July**. For further information on the Legacy Fund visit: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/t20worldcupfund>

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