



# Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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### FUNDING BOOST FOR LOCAL SPORTS

Castle Hill sporting organisations can now apply for grants to help remove barriers to participation, purchase equipment and improve facilities, under the NSW Government's \$4.6 million Local Sport Grants Program.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the funding will provide a welcome lift to local sporting organisations.

"I know how important sport is to the community right across Castle Hill especially as the state emerges from lockdown," Mr Williams said.

"These grants will help local clubs increase participation by addressing barriers, delivering sports development programs and upgrading equipment and facilities."

Minister for Sport Natalie Ward said the grants will help to support the health, social and economic wellbeing of communities.

"Sport brings communities together and goes far beyond the physical benefits – it strengthens social networks and can be a vehicle for skills development and job creation," Mrs Ward said.

"As we return to community sport, this funding will support projects of grassroots sporting clubs which are at centre of many local communities."

Successful clubs can receive funding of up to \$20,000, with up to \$50,000 available for each electorate throughout NSW.

Applications are now open and close at 1pm Friday, 19 November 2021.

For more information visit: [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/local-sport-grant-program](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/local-sport-grant-program)

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