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GRASSROOTS SPORT RECEIVES RECOVERY PACKAGE

A \$25 million recovery package for the sport and recreation sector has been unveiled, providing a helping hand for grassroots sporting clubs and associations as community sport returns.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the package would help the sector bounce back after disruption to competitions and activities.

“The COVID lockdown has had a major impact on everyone’s lives, including the more than 30,000 employees and 415,000 volunteers across more than 10,000 sporting clubs and associations throughout the State,” Mr Perrottet said.

Treasurer Matt Kean said it was critical sporting organisations who have faced tough financial times get the help they need to not just keep going but flourish into the future.

“This package will ensure sporting organisations and their staff stay in the game and participants can return to training and competition immediately,” Mr Kean said.

Minister for Sport Natalie Ward said COVID restrictions meant millions of sports lovers in NSW had been unable to take part in their community competitions.

“Thanks to our vaccination rates, we’re welcoming back community sport and I’m delighted to see people back out doing what they love,” Mrs Ward said.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package will provide financial support, assistance and participation opportunities throughout Castle Hill.

“This announcement provides a welcome injection of funding for community sport in Castle Hill following a period of disruption due to COVID-19 restrictions Mr Williams said.

“Eligible sporting clubs and associations will be able to access up to \$1,000 as they recommence community activities, in addition to other initiatives which will be delivered throughout NSW”.



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The Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package includes:

- Up to \$12.5 million for grants of up to \$1,000 to eligible clubs and associations
- Up to \$7.8 million to support sporting organisations and peak bodies;
- \$3.1 million to support participation initiatives focused on areas most affected by restrictions, including south-western Sydney and regional NSW;
- Up to \$1 million for grants to support marketing and promotional activities for outdoor and active recreation providers; and
- \$600,000 to support regional talent pathways in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympics.

For more details, see: www.sport.nsw.gov.au/recoverypackage.

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