



**Mark Coure MP  
Member for Oatley**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW INCLUSIVE AMENITIES BLOCK FOR CHARLES PIRIE RESERVE**

The provision of an inclusive amenities building at Charles Pirie Reserve is a step closer to becoming a reality after the NSW Government announced that Georges River Council had been successful in securing a \$750,000 grant for the new facility.

Member for Oatley Mark Coure MP said the new amenities block will provide a multi-sport public facility that could be used by the community year-round.

“The upgrade will include a canteen, storage rooms, gender neutral change rooms, referees room, medical room, public amenities and a covered BBQ area,” Mr Coure said.

The Chief Executive Officer of St George Football Association, Mr Craig Kiely, thanked the State Government and Georges River Council for their commitment to improving local grassroots sporting facilities.

“Charles Pirie is a vitally important venue for football in St George and is home to Carss Park Football Club, our Special Needs Program the St George Warriors, and is used as training base for the districts Referees Association,” Mr Kiely said.

“The new building will provide users a modern, compliant and accessible facility and is particularly important for our special needs participants and their carers. Importantly, the new building will be relocated away from the flood prone area where the existing building is situated, which has caused the Club and their volunteers so many problems over the years.”

Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres said the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund provides grants between \$500,000 and \$5 million for sport facility projects.

“The Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund invests in new and existing facilities to improve the quality and quantity of sports infrastructure across Greater Sydney,” Mr Ayres said.

“Over the next three years, the NSW Government will invest \$100 million towards new and upgraded sports facilities. This will substantially improve the quality and accessibility of community sports facilities around Sydney.”

This grant fund follows the successful investment of \$200 million into regional sport facilities via Stronger Country Communities and Regional Sport Infrastructure Funds.

The total cost of the inclusive amenities building will be \$1.6 million, with Georges River Council sourcing the remaining \$850,000 for the project.

For further information on the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund visit:

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/greater-sydney-sports-facility-fund>

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