



# Stuart Ayres MP

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **JAMISON PARK TO RECEIVE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR UPGRADE**

Jamison Park is set to receive a multi-million-dollar upgrade as part of a \$100 million NSW Government program to build new and upgraded sports facilities across Sydney.

Minister for Sport and Member for Penrith Stuart Ayres announced that Penrith City Council's application for a \$2.5 million grant to install an all-weather synthetic surface at the park had been successful.

Mr Ayres said the grant was part of the NSW Government's Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund, which aims to improve the quality and quantity of sports infrastructure, would enable multiple sports to use the park year-round.

"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."

"The upgrade will include replacing the existing turf fields with a multi-purpose FIFA standard synthetic surface that will fit two rectangular football fields."

"This is huge win for football participants across the Penrith region. For too long one of the largest associations in NSW has been without a synthetic pitch. Today that changes."

"The whole community and sports beyond football will also benefit from having enhanced all weather facilities at Jamison Park. This is about putting the people of Penrith first."

"I congratulate Penrith City Council on their successful application which will ensure more Penrith residents can enjoy the benefits of regular activity and exercise at one of the region's premier sports facilities."

Penrith Mayor, Ross Fowler said Council has long advocated for a synthetic playing surface and it's great to know that this will be a reality very soon.

"From the community point of view this allows much greater use for active sports as they will not be impacted by inclement weather."

"This is especially important in a growing city and society that enjoys being active."

Linda Cerone, Nepean Football Association General Manager was thrilled to receive news of the grant and said “For many years the association has advocated for footballers in the Nepean District to be able to enjoy the same facilities as the rest of Sydney so it’s wonderful that we’re on our way to seeing that happen.”

Ms Cerone expressed her gratitude to Mr Ayres, Penrith City Council and Football NSW for their unwavering support in bringing this dream come true to the footballers of Nepean District.

The total value of the project will be \$3.7 million which includes a \$1.1 million contribution from Penrith City Council and a \$75,000 contribution from Nepean Football Club.

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

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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