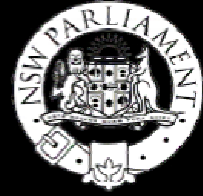


Greg Piper MP

Member for Lake Macquarie



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SPORTS FUNDING FOR LAKE MACQUARIE

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, is pleased with the announcement of over \$43,000 in state funding for sporting groups in the Lake Macquarie electorate.

Five sporting groups will benefit from grants under the Sport and Recreation Facility Grant Program.

“This is great news for these sporting groups, who can now benefit from improved facilities,” Mr Piper said. “It’s a big effort for the volunteers who run these groups and they deserve support in improving their facilities and equipment.”

According to Mr Piper, the grant program provides up to 50% of the total project cost, with local funding providing the rest.

“This year applications were made on-line, which simplified the process for applicants,” Mr Piper added.

“I would like to thank the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Kevin Greene, for supporting sporting groups in this area,” Mr Piper said.

The successful applicants are:

- Hunter Mountainbike Association will receive \$9,000 for a storage and amenities facility;
- Southlakes Little Athletics Centre will receive \$4,450 to upgrade long jump run up facilities at the Dora Creek Workers Club Oval;
- Watagan Equestrian Club will receive \$4,065 for safe jumping equipment;
- Southern Lakes Junior Cricket Club will receive \$11,611 for new cricket practice nets at West Lake Macquarie; and
- Lake Macquarie Rugby Union Club will receive \$13,889 for fencing of the eastern and southern sides of Walters Park at Speers Point.