

**Paul Toole** Minister for Lands and Forestry Minister for Racing

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## UPGRADES FOR KENDALL TENNIS CLUB

Minister for Racing Paul Toole joined Member for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams today to announce almost \$200,000 for three new courts at Kendall Tennis Club

Ms Williams said a new full-size court and two small Hot Shots courts will enable the club to expand its training and competition programs, particularly for young people.

"This project will provide a great boost for the club, which runs activities including youth groups, social days and disability and mentoring programs," Ms Williams said.

The new courts will enable the club to meet growing demand for its Hot Shots programs aimed at children aged four to nine. Currently 45 children share one full court for these programs.

"The club is a feeder club for the Sydney International Tennis Tournament's ball-kid program and provides Hot Shots demonstrations on centre court at Sydney and local shows.

"The club is known for social inclusion of players with disabilities."

Mr Toole said the projects are among 26 across NSW funded from the latest round of the Clubgrants category 3 infrastructure program.

"More than \$50 million in Clubgrants infrastructure funding is being provided in the current term of government for projects across sport and recreation, emergency preparedness and arts and culture," Mr Toole said.

"These grants are funded through a rebate on the state's registered clubs' gaming machines to reinvest profits back into community projects.

"We improved the program in 2017 by giving community organisations more chances to apply for a wider range of projects. New funding ranges are encouraging more diverse projects, and a streamlined application process is cutting red tape and allowing for faster assessment."

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