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**Grants to upgrade local sport and recreation facilities**

The Minister for Sport, Kate Ellis, and the Federal Member for Hasluck, Sharryn Jackson, today confirmed the Rudd Government's commitment of \$325,000 for upgrades at two local sporting clubs.

Ms Ellis said that investing in community sport and recreation was an important priority of the Australian Government.

"Investing in sport is more than just putting money into grandstands, playing fields and footballs. It is an investment in the health and wellbeing of Australians of all ages," she said.

"Sport helps to develop and maintain good physical and mental health. It also promotes team work and helps build self-confidence, which is why the Government actively supports local projects such as these."

The grants include:

- \$125,000 to upgrade the lighting system at Forrestfield United Soccer Club; and
- \$200,000 for upgrading the Gosnells Bowling Club greens to synthetic all-weather bowling greens.

Ms Jackson welcomed the funding commitment, and said it would allow the clubs to progress with plans to upgrade their facilities.

"Sports and recreation plays a vital role in our community. Forrestfield United is a large and active club which supports 500 juniors and 200 semi-professional and amateur soccer players so it's important they have the very best facilities.

"This funding will do much to improve the lighting on the soccer fields and increase the clubs capacity to host matches and competitions at night. It will benefit the players, families and spectators enormously," Ms Jackson said.

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