



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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Surf club to be a drawcard for Devonport

The Australian Government will put \$1.1 million into a redevelopment of the Devonport Surf Club set to make it the envy of clubs Australia wide says Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom today announced that Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Northern Australia, Gary Gray, had signed off on the \$1.1 million in funding.

He said the redevelopment would be the catalyst for a broader revitalisation of the Bluff and its many attractions.

“The development will take advantage of the strategic location and natural assets of the area,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“It will help to enhance the water and beach-based experiences for the surf club, and with its spectacular ocean views and improved facilities, including a restaurant, the precinct will be a great leisure spot for residents and visitors to Devonport.

“I have been very happy to work with the energetic team at the Devonport City Council on what has become a major project for the city.”

Mr Gray said the project formed an important part of the Council’s vision for the Mersey Bluff Precinct and its public open space strategy.

“The ageing surf club infrastructure is no longer adequate for a growing surf club and beach community,” Mr Gray said.

“Two new buildings will be constructed on the same site including boat loading areas and a new car park.

“The Surf Club will include a boat shed, a training and function room, club room and bar and change rooms. The adjacent building will have a café and restaurant facilities for visitors to the Mersey Bluff precinct.”

He said the project was an excellent example of the Australian and local governments working together to benefit local communities into the future.

The Devonport Surf Club project forms part of the Australian Government’s election commitment to provide \$9.2 million funding to nine projects in Braddon.

“Better Regions will provide regional Australia with much-needed community facilities and services and honour a range of regional infrastructure election commitments which were identified by local communities as priorities for their regions,” Mr Gray said.

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