



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

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WEST PARK SPORTS FACILITY PROJECT UNDERWAY

Sid Sidebottom, Federal Member for Braddon, today turned the ball at West Park Oval to officially commence work on the \$3.2 million West Park Sporting Facility in Burnie.

Mr Sidebottom said \$2 million provided to the Burnie City Council was from the \$1 Billion Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – creating jobs locally, injecting money into the local economy and delivering infrastructure on-the-ground for the community.

The Regional and Local Community Infrastructure program is part of the Rudd Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan, delivering thousands of jobs around Australia.

“The new facility will help to lift the Oval to a higher standard and increase the ability to host major events for sporting groups and the community,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“This is Burnie's premier sports ground and is home to football, cricket, cycling, athletics and community events.

“This new facility will help to make it a major asset for sporting events for the region and help take the many sporting clubs using West Park into the new century.

“The new facility will be a great asset for Burnie sports people of all ages and will become a community hub.”

The project will deliver a three-level modern construction with:

- providing indoor training facilities,
- permanent storage and office residences for sporting bodies,
- a fully equipped function centre; and
- a mezzanine level of corporate boxes overlooking the ground.

“I congratulate the Council and community for getting this project underway and getting the funding out where it is intended, in local pay-packets,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“The new facility will also provide a modern home for the Burnie Dockers and get more people to the Oval providing an ongoing boost to the local economy.

“The project also received \$385,000 from the Commonwealth delivered as part of a \$1 million election commitment with Burnie City Council providing \$1.04 million.”

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