



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

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### **Burnie first to benefit from nation building funds**

BURNIE will be among the first regional communities to benefit from the Rudd Government's \$800 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP, today announced \$235,000 for the Burnie City Council to expand its regional bowls centre planned for Cooee.

He said the funds would enable the indoor green to be expanded from four to six rinks, thus improving the ability of the centre to host more major events.

Mr Sidebottom said the Burnie project was part of more than \$4.4 million for 12 community infrastructure projects in 10 regional communities – as part of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

"I welcome this success and I know other North-West councils have submitted other projects and I look forward to these being announced in the near future," Mr Sidebottom said.

"The added indoor rinks will give greater access to more people to this great facility. It will significantly increase the capacity of the green and allow the indoor facility to be constructed to its full potential immediately.

"I look forward to sending down a bowl, on what is part of a series of projects designed to stimulate our local economy and sustain jobs."

This is one of the first projects from the \$800 million fund, expanded just this week by \$500 million, which will be delivered to local councils and shires across Australia to boost local economies.

The project is delivering the \$800 million community infrastructure program in two components:

- \$250 million to be shared between all councils and shires; and
- \$550 million to be allocated through competitive grants.

Local governments had until 30 January to submit projects under the \$250 million component and every council and shire met the deadline.

More than 3,600 local infrastructure projects have already been submitted to the Government.

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