



**Maxine McKew**  
Parliamentary Secretary for  
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional  
Development and Local Government

**Sid Sidebottom**  
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### ULVERSTONE SHOWS OFF NEW SPORTS COMPLEX

Sid Sidebottom, Federal Member for Braddon, and Maxine McKew, Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Regional Development, have welcomed today's grand opening of the redeveloped Ulverstone Sports and Leisure Complex.

Mr Sidebottom joined Ulverstone locals to unveil a plaque on the newly-built Ulverstone stadium as part of a gala sports day – the highlight of which was an Australian Basketball Association game between the local Northwest Tasmania Thunder and the visiting Geelong Supercats.

“It's a proud day for me as a representative of regional Tasmania to be able to see such a great new community asset through to completion,” said Mr Sidebottom.

“And as a resident of the Central Coast and president of the Ulverstone Basketball Association I'm very pleased to see such a significant project in my home area.

“We expect 50,000 people per year will use the complex including a wide range of sporting and community groups.”

Mr Sidebottom said the project involved the construction of a covered, multi-purpose stadium with retractable seating for up to 1,000 people and had also upgraded two existing stadiums at the showground. As part of these works, all three stadiums were inter-linked with walkways and viewing areas.

“Importantly, 75 jobs were created during construction and a further 155 sub-contractors were employed on-site to undertake additional works; providing a substantial boost to the local economy.”

“The new stadium will be used by a of number of community and sporting groups, such as the local basketball, judo, gymnastics, squash, racketball, indoor soccer, indoor netball, boxing, naval cadets and the volunteer coastal guard,” said Mr Sidebottom.

Ms McKew said the Rudd Government had provided \$1.8 million to the Central Coast Council for the project, worth over \$7.4 million, from the Better Regions Program.

“The Ulverstone Showground Redevelopment is part of the Rudd Government's commitment to provide \$176 million over four years for important regional projects,” Ms McKew said.

Ms McKew and Mr Sidebottom thanked the Central Coast Council, the Tasmanian Government and the local community for their support for the project.

“We can only achieve this kind of success when the Australian, State and local governments work together with communities to deliver the infrastructure they need for the future,” Ms McKew said.

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