



PRIME MINISTER

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SPORTING AND RECREATION GRANTS

The Prime Minister and Member for Werriwa, Mr Gough Whitlam, said today he was delighted that the District Sporting Complex at Ingleburn was to receive a \$65,000 grant from the Australian Government.

The grant was announced last week by the Minister for Tourism and Recreation, Mr Frank Stewart, as part of the Australian Government's capital assistance program for leisure facilities.

Mr Whitlam said the total cost of the Ingleburn project was estimated at \$135,000, and the \$65,000 grant was a clear indication of his Government's willingness to become associated with the development of recreational facilities.

The \$65,000 will go towards the cost of developing the Amenities Block and Sports Fields which are included in the District Sporting Complex.

Mr Whitlam said that New South Wales would receive \$560,600 of the total of \$3,443,916 in the current program of capital assistance for leisure facilities.

For this financial year the Australian Government has approved a commitment of \$11.5 million for this program. Allocation of these funds will be in three main categories:

- (a) community sporting and recreation facilities and specialist sporting facilities;
- (b) art and cultural facilities; and
- (c) facilities in proposed Area Improvement Program Areas.

Mr Whitlam said that grants for projects in the proposed Area Improvement Program Areas and grants for cultural facilities would be announced at a later date.

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