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## **ACTIVE KIDS THE WINNERS IN THIS YEAR'S SPORT BUDGET**

The NSW Government is providing another big financial boost for families across the State with a \$40 million injection to expand the popular Active Kids program to include two \$100 vouchers per child from 1 July.

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet made the announcement as part of the Government's \$486 million commitment to sports in the 2019-20 NSW Budget, which includes record-level investments in new and existing infrastructure for grassroots sports, alongside the voucher boost for the Active Kids program.

"We know NSW families love Active Kids, with more than one million vouchers redeemed and \$100 million saved in sport registration costs in the first 18 months of the program," Mr Perrottet said.

"These household savings have contributed to a spike in registrations across NSW, and it's girls that have had the biggest increase in Active Kids voucher downloads in 2019."

"The Liberals & Nationals Government is doing everything we can to help ease the cost of living for families, and by adding a second \$100 voucher we hope to see parents being able to keep their kids active all year-round."

Minster for Sport John Sidoti said the expanded Active Kids program demonstrated the NSW Government's commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of children, through increased physical activity.

"Another voucher for kids is another win for families in NSW. We know that regular physical activity and exercise plays an important role in a child's development, and we want all kids to be healthy and happy," Mr Sidoti said.

"Just as the second Active Kids voucher provides even greater opportunity for children to participate in sport and active recreation, it reduces costs for hard working families."

The NSW Government's 2019-20 sport budget includes \$83 million for new and improved sports facilities across metropolitan and regional NSW.

The 2019-20 NSW Budget includes:

- \$40 million additional funding in 2019-20 (\$291 million over the next four years) to deliver the Active Kids program – increasing the number of vouchers per child to two \$100 vouchers.
- \$46 million in 2019-20 (\$98 million over the next three years) for the Greater Sydney Sport Facility Fund to increase the number and quality of sporting facilities in densely populated areas.

- \$37 million in 2019-20 (\$131 million over four years) to increase the number and quality of sporting facilities, improve the utilisation of existing facilities and meet the needs of female participants.
- \$24 million in 2019-20 (\$56 million over the next two years) for the NSW Centres of Excellence program to increase community engagement, meet facility needs of female participants and support talent development pathways.
- \$25 million in 2019-20 (\$49 million over the next two years) for the National Rugby League Centres of Excellence program to support investment in the community and high-performance training facilities.

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