

MEDIA STATEMENT

Dr Mike Nahan MLA
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Riverton Rossmoyne Bowling Club Gets Synthetic Green

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton congratulated the Riverton Rossmoyne Bowling Club on its new synthetic green noting that it should provide another playing dimension to the club for decades to come.

Dr Nahan, who opened the sporting facility on behalf of the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Terry Waldron on Sunday 30 August 2009, said the Liberal/National State Government was fully committed to promoting increased participation in sport and recreation and the improvement of facilities.

"The planning and building of this all weather green is a wonderful example of a small club looking to the future to provide improved playing facilities for its members," said Dr Nahan.

"This project has succeeded thanks to the initiative and generosity of many of its dedicated club members who have all worked so hard to plan, finance, and in some cases, provide physical work to build the green."

"Projects such as this do not come cheaply – the total cost of converting this green from grass to synthetic was about \$230,000."

"The City of Canning provided \$77,000 of that sum, the club itself raised \$68,000 towards it through numerous functions and the Department of Sport and Recreation, through the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, provided the final grant of \$75,000."

Dr Nahan said synthetic playing surfaces were becoming an important part of the ecological future for sporting and recreational facilities.

"There are numerous benefits to having a synthetic green, including the fact that it is a water-wise playing venue and members and visitors can play bowls all year round," said Dr Nahan.

"I have no doubt that the club's membership will continue to grow from strength to strength in light of its new and innovative facilities."

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