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Sport and recreation clubs back in business post floods

State Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan and Sport Minister Phil Reeves visited a range of flood-affected sport and recreation clubs on Tuesday to see their progress following the floods.

Mr Ryan and Mr Reeves toured Caboolture and Burpengary organisations to see firsthand how repairs are progressing after sustaining damage.

Mr Ryan said the Centenary Lakes Sporting Complex has had a revamp and now boasts new and improved facilities.

“Over the summer the floodwaters ravaged the Complex which saw the BMX track washed away,” he said.

“You should see it now. The track looks better than ever with bitumen laid in parts and drainage installed thanks to more than \$55,000 in Bligh Government Flood Fightback funding.

“More work needs to be done on the tennis courts but repair work has allowed two social tennis clubs to continue their Tuesday gatherings which is always a highlight.”

Mr Ryan said it was great to see the fantastic new facilities at the Burpengary Pony Club.

“The strength of the floodwaters was so ferocious it shifted two water tanks and flooded their arenas,” he said.

“After receiving more than \$70,000 from the Bligh Government, the Pony Club has been able to repair their cross country and arena facilities, and replace vital gear.

“As a result of this funding, the Pony Club has been able to rebuild the facilities better than before providing that vital community service.”

Mr Reeves said he was impressed with the rebuilding process which has allowed clubs to think of new ways to combat any future natural disasters.

“It was great to see firsthand how progress is going and inspect the new and improved facilities which meet the needs of the club and local community,” he said.

“The Bligh Government understands the importance of sport, and how local sport and recreation clubs are the lifeblood of communities.

“That’s why we will continue to find projects and initiatives which get the community involved in sport and recreation so they can lead healthy and active lives.

“This aligns with our *Toward Q2: Tomorrow’s Queensland* goal which is to help Queenslanders become Australia’s healthiest people.

"The Government's support not only develops grassroots players and heightens our chances of hosting events, but reinforces our reputation as the Champions State and the Events State as well.

"We've made the tough economic decisions to ensure we can continue to support local sport and recreation."

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