

Swimming

State Government splashes the cash

Grant will be of huge benefit to Nepean Aquatic Swim Club in Penrith

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Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club have received a \$4500 Local Sports Grant from the State Government that will assist in the expansion and development of both Open Water and pool-based events.

NSW Sports Minister and Penrith MP, Stuart Ayres delivered the grant to the popular Swim Club located in North Penrith last Friday evening.

"Whether it be funding towards training programs to secure more volunteer coaches or helping with that much-needed change room upgrade, these grants are designed to encourage more people to keep active," Mr Ayres said.

"I am thrilled to be able to support Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club with a grant of \$4500, and I am certain it will be a great benefit to all the club swimmers who utilise the facility."

Last October the local Swim Club hosted the very successful inaugural Nutrition Station Open Water Swim at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, and are currently planning their second Open Water Swim for later this year.

The Local Sports Grant will enable the



Penrith MP Stuart Ayres with Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club swimmers

club to further expand the Open Water and pool-based events in the emerging growth area of Penrith as well as to ensure a continued quality training framework to support the progression of local swimmers.

The funds will be immediately put to use to fund equipment including a large marquee for use at open water and all club swimming events, specialised rubber

number stamps and waterproof ink for numbering swimmers at Open Water events, and an updated meet manager program for the club for all events in the future.

"Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club has experienced great changes and significant growth over its five years history," Head Coach, Jackie Barck said.

"Through the injection of funds received

as a result of this grant, the quality of the future meets that are offered will be improved and this will allow for the further development of aspiring young athletes in both the open water environment as well as in the pool.

"The swimming members of our club and I are extremely grateful and most proud for recognition in receiving this grant."