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\$57 MILLION WESTINVEST PROJECTS IN CUMBERLAND AND FAIRFIELD

Cumberland and Fairfield residents will enjoy a state of the art indoor sports centre, an activated high street, a revitalised swimming centre and new parkland funded through the \$5 billion WestInvest Fund.

Premier Dominic Perrottet, Treasurer Matt Kean, Minister for Western Sydney David Elliott and Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman today announced \$57 million in WestInvest funding to Cumberland City Council and Fairfield City Council for four transformational projects.

In Cumberland more than \$29 million in WestInvest funding has been allocated to three projects:

- \$14.6 million for the **Guildford Pool Modernisation** project which will revitalise the existing 50-year-old centre, including a new outdoor pool, water play park and change room facilities.
- \$7.6 million for the **Lidcombe Town Centre High Street Activation** project to deliver improved public domain and outdoor dining spaces to foster a strong sense of community belonging
- \$7 million for the **Civic Park Pendle Hill Upgrade** project to build on work already funded to create a new parkland, including a new table tennis zone, multi-purpose sport courts and barbecue areas.

Cumberland Council will contribute \$2.8 million towards the Lidcombe Town Centre High Street Activation project.

In Fairfield more than \$28 million in WestInvest funding will go towards the \$46.5 million **Fairfield Showground Stage 2 – Indoor Sports Centre**. Fairfield Council will contribute \$18.5 million towards the project.

As part of the WestInvest Fund, \$2 billion was reserved for priority Community Projects. This included \$400 million for 15 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in West and South West Sydney, with each local council eligible for between \$20 million and \$35 million, depending on population size.

Mr Perrottet said the projects put forward by the Fairfield and Cumberland Councils would help to build a brighter future for the people of Western Sydney.

“The \$14.6 million Guildford Pool Modernisation project will significantly upgrade the 50-year-old facility to provide an exciting new venue for the local community to get together to swim, exercise and keep cool,” Mr Perrottet said.

“The project will provide a range of new facilities including an outdoor 25-metre, eight-lane pool with ramp access, a waterplay park, pool deck showers and a community room.”

Mr Kean said the Lidcombe Town Centre High Street Activation project will provide a place for the community to come together.

“This investment will deliver dozens of new trees and more than 800 square metres of green landscaping to beautify the Lidcombe town centre. These improvements, combined with expanded footpaths and cycleways, outdoor dining, street furniture and public art will change the face of Lidcombe,” Mr Kean said.

“The WestInvest funding for the Civic Park Pendle Hill project will allow Cumberland City Council to deliver the final stage of this much needed park refresh project to support a healthy natural environment, enhance connection to Country and provide green spaces for people to play and visit.”

Mrs Tuckerman said the Fairfield Showground project will build on the existing facilities to deliver a state-of-the-art new indoor sporting facility.

“The Fairfield showground is already a much loved part of the local community, with popular markets and outdoor sporting facilities,” Mrs Tuckerman said.

“This exciting WestInvest project will deliver a new indoor sporting facility with a show court hall complete with grandstand seating, a sports hall and stage as well as change rooms, showers, umpires’ room and much more.”

Mr Elliott said the NSW Government allocated each of the 15 local WestInvest councils a share in WestInvest funding to get projects moving quickly to ensure communities benefit sooner.

“The projects put forward by each council have been based on community engagement and are consistent with the results of the WestInvest Have Your Say survey. We know they’ll enrich the lives of residents living in Fairfield and Cumberland,” Mr Elliott said.

Fairfield Mayor Frank Carbone said the WestInvest funding will be another step towards the transformation of the Fairfield Showground precinct and allows it to attract a huge variety of sport, culture and entertainment to the region.

“This indoor multicultural and sports centre will be another building block in our development of a regional centre of excellence which will bring something for everyone,” Mr Carbone said.

Federal Member for Fowler Dai Le said she was grateful the NSW government has invested and partnered with Fairfield City Council to deliver outcomes for the community.

“This infrastructure will bring significant benefits to our wonderfully diverse community, providing immediate job opportunities, as well as enabling us to connect, exercise, and improve the overall health of our area,” Ms Le said.

Announcements on other LGAs will be made soon.

The \$5 billion WestInvest program was made possible by the Government's successful WestConnex asset recycling strategy.

A further \$1.6 billion from the \$2 billion Community Project Grants is available to local community groups.

A total of \$3 billion is also set aside to deliver transformational projects that will benefit local communities, led by NSW Government agencies.

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