




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE

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ADJOURNMENT

Cronulla Park

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (6.03 pm): As both the member for Woodridge and the Minister for Health, it is a pleasure to deliver initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of the residents of the Woodridge electorate. That is why last week I was so pleased to join the Treasurer, Curtis Pitt; the racing minister, Grace Grace; my local Logan Labor colleagues, Shannon Fentiman, the member for Waterford, and Mick de Brenni, the member for Springwood; and Logan City Council Mayor, Luke Smith, to announce the Palaszcuk government's commitment to provide up to \$6.6 million to help establish a new PCYC and sports precinct at Cronulla Park at Slacks Creek in the Woodridge electorate.

The 10.2-hectare Cronulla Park had previously been designated for greyhound racing, but I am pleased to say that it will be adults and children who will now be doing the racing at Cronulla Park. My government has listened and acted on the community's concerns about the planned development of a greyhound racing facility at Cronulla Park. I have also been campaigning, since my election in 2015, for a new PCYC for Woodridge. A new PCYC and a multi-use sporting facility is a terrific outcome for the electorate of Woodridge and the City of Logan.

The new PCYC, to replace the old Logan Central PCYC, will do more than help improve the health of our young people; it will enrich their social lives and promote positive and constructive relationships with our local hardworking police—and I know how community minded they are. The benefits of physical activity go further than health outcomes. Physical activity, particularly team sports, provide life lessons such as teamwork and the importance of resilience, persistence and participation.

The council will soon commence a consultation period within the community to invite the community in determining how best to utilise this site. I thank the mayor and the council, in particular councillors Russell Lutton, Jon Raven and Steve Swenson, for taking responsibility for this site for future community use and for their genuine commitment to this project. I am proud to have been able to deliver the new Cronulla Park to the electorate of Woodridge—a place that will be a wonderful community facility that will benefit local residents for generations to come.