



# **Robyn Parker MP**

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#### **UPGRADE FOR CENTENNIAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

Environment Minister Robyn Parker and Sport and Recreation Minister Graham Annesley today officially reopened the world class Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre Arenas delivering on a \$1.4 million investment to upgrade the facility.

Ms Parker said Sydney is one of the only major cities in the world with a full equestrian centre in the middle of its city, plus a 3.6 km horse track and equestrian grounds.

“The funding was used to repair the roof and replace several parts of the support structure in order to ensure the safety and integrity of the Equestrian Centre,” Ms Parker said.

“It was identified the repair and replacement of several parts of the roof and support structure was vital to maintain the safety and integrity of the structure.

“Centennial Parklands was able to install an additional roof over the support arena creating another covered riding space for the centre users.

“The NSW Government is committed to Centennial Parklands vision to create a high value sporting facility which embraces the strong heritage values of the site.

“The Covered Arena is one of the most utilised facilities within the Equestrian Centre and these works will ensure this much used and loved facility open and available for the people of NSW.”

Mr Annesley commended Centennial Parklands on providing high-quality sport and recreation facilities to Sydneysiders.

“As a Government we have a responsibility to encourage participation in activities promoting an active healthy lifestyle,” Mr Annesley said.

“The Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre is a wonderful example of first class facilities that are centrally located and easily accessible.

“I commend Minister Parker and the Centennial Parklands Trust and management for helping to encourage and facilitate the benefits to be gained from participation in sport.”