

## Female-Friendly Facilities Officially Open at Victoria Park

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Warren Shire Council today marked a milestone for the community with the **official opening of the new Female-Friendly Amenities at Victoria Park Precinct**.

The \$702,500 project was jointly funded through a \$500,000 grant from the NSW Government's **Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Program** and a \$202,549 contribution from Council to create safe, inclusive and welcoming spaces for all.

The new facility delivers:

- Two modern female change rooms designed with safety and privacy in mind.
- Accessible public toilets, catering for people with disabilities, First Nations participants and parents with young children.
- A culturally inclusive façade featuring artwork by Peter Mackay (Warraan Widji Arts) and First Nations language elements.
- Upgraded parking to improve safety and access.

The project was officially opened in the presence of **Member for Barwon Roy Butler MP, Mayor Greg Whiteley**, Councillors, community members and local sporting clubs.

Mayor Whiteley said the new female-friendly amenities were more than just toilets and change rooms.

"They mean women and girls can feel safe, welcome and supported at Victoria Park. Having decent facilities encourages more people to take part in sport, recreation and community events, which is good for everyone in Warren Shire," the Mayor added.

Council's General Manager Gary Woodman emphasised the importance of Council facilities that meet the needs of everyone who uses them.

"Projects like this break down barriers and make it easier for women and girls to take part in sport and community life. With support from the NSW Office of Sport, we've delivered facilities



that reflect the needs of our community and create a precinct everyone can be proud of," said Mr Woodman.

### **Investing in equity and participation**

The project aligns with the NSW Government's *Her Sport Her Way* strategy to increase female participation in community sport. Consultation with local clubs and schools identified strong demand, and participation by women and girls at Victoria Park is projected to grow by 12% annually as a result.

The Female-Friendly Amenities Building signals a new chapter for a safer, more inclusive Victoria Park Precinct that celebrates local culture, supports gender equity and strengthens community connections.

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