



## **Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck**

Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians  
Minister for Youth and Sport

## **Gavin Pearce MP**

Member for Braddon

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

3 August 2020

### **New Devonport soccer facilities to boost female participation**

The Morrison Government is delivering new local female change room facilities to boost women's sport at the Devonport Strikers Football Club.

The new building houses three additional change rooms, while existing facilities have also been upgraded to provide essential amenities for female sporting participants. The Federal Government is the major contributor to the \$528,000 redevelopment, providing \$385,000 towards the build.

Senator for Tasmania and Minister for Youth and Sport, Richard Colbeck, said the project had been delivered at an opportune time as Australia prepares to host the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

"The Devonport Strikers have ambitions for this wonderful sporting facility to be a training venue for teams at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, but the most important benefit of this project is the amazing opportunity it creates for women and girls to be involved in football and sport more broadly," Minister Colbeck said.

"We hope an event like the FIFA Women's World Cup does inspire more women and girls to play club sport and help boost participation. Having facilities like these are essential because they help build a safe, supportive environment where players can enjoy playing the game.

"The Morrison Government's support for this project is not just about building better sporting facilities, it is about building stronger, healthier communities by promoting physical activity, social connection, and creating jobs in the local area."

Member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce, commended the Devonport City Strikers Football Club for its efforts in growing female participation.

“The Devonport City Strikers have a wonderful history dating back to 1952, and this project is a big step for the Club’s future,” Mr Pearce said.

“This venue is also a valuable sporting hub for the North West Coast, so the new facilities will also see it used by other sports to attract and retain female players.

“It has taken a real team effort to deliver this project, bringing together the support of the Federal Government, Devonport City Council and the Devonport City Strikers.”

ENDS