

Lendlease officially opens Springfield Central Sports Mecca

Brisbane, 10 October 2019: Minister for Sport, Housing and Public Works and Digital Technology, The Honourable Mick de Brenni and Charis Mullen MP joined Lendlease today to celebrate the official opening of the \$56.2 million Springfield Central Sporting Complex, the single biggest boost to sporting facilities in Ipswich's history.

Designed by global infrastructure, environmental and social development company [Cardno](#), the 22.5-hectare sporting precinct located on Sportstar Drive, Springfield Central includes 16 netball courts, eight tennis courts, four multi-purpose sporting fields, three club houses with canteen amenity, two playgrounds and ample car parking.

Smart features like LED lighting have been installed to ensure no shadows appear on the fields and courts as well as 2000 recycled plastic bollards have been used as barriers to car zones.

Ipswich City Council will manage the facilities and have signed lease agreements with local sporting clubs such as Springfield United and Western Pride Football Clubs, Springfield Lakes and South West Wildcats Netball Clubs, Greater Springfield Sports (AFL & Cricket) and Rugby League Ipswich.

A grand opening event will take place on Sunday 13 October from 10am-1pm with a guest appearance from Brisbane Heat Big Bash cricketer Chris Lynn. For more information visit www.facebook.com/myspringfieldlakes

Quotes attributable to Lendlease's Development Director for Springfield Rise, Ian Murray:

"Sport is an important part of Australian culture and for good reason, it brings people together, fosters a sense of belonging, creates lasting friendships and a sense of pride.

"We had a collective vision to create world-class amenity and top-quality infrastructure so it's a major milestone to officially open the district's largest sporting precinct, in one of Queensland's fastest growing corridors and right on the doorstep of our second master-planned community, Springfield Rise at Spring Mountain.

"The complex has been designed to be the central hub, catering to the needs of this thriving community. The facilities will attract a diverse range of ages and sporting interests, as well as focusing on the lifestyle and benefits to generate a positive sense of health and wellbeing.

"The commitment to our precincts, strengthens our belief in creating the best places and to encourage social interaction."

Quotes attributable to Ipswich City Council interim administrator Greg Chemello:

"Developers play an important role when it comes to shaping new and modern communities.

"Like most of the urban infrastructure in Springfield, these sporting fields were funded by developer contributions, and the facilities handed to council



for ongoing management.

“Ipswich has a proud sporting heritage. These new sporting fields are set to be home to numerous sporting clubs, and will no doubt see the emergence of a new generation of sporting stars. More importantly, they’ll provide the catalyst for an active and healthy community.

“Ipswich is one of the fastest growing cities in Australia, so it is important – when planning for our future – that council and developers incorporate the necessary community infrastructure for the waves of new residents across the city.”

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