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Congratulations Hockey New England - Hard work pays off!

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has congratulated Hockey New England on their success in obtaining \$150,000 in funding from the Regional Partnerships Program to enable them to establish an artificial hockey surface and complex on site at the University of New England.

“The Committee of Hockey New England has been working hard for many years to develop this Centre and have support from both the NSW Government and Armidale Dumaresq Council with a grant of \$300,000 from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation along with a loan of \$360,000 from Council.

I understand Hockey New England also have \$270,000 saved for the project and with the support of the Federal Government, their project will finally be able to come to fruition,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor says that this project will enable hockey players in the New England region to have access to an international standard playing surface and will allow players to reach their full potential.

The construction of an adjoining complex will also provide Armidale with the opportunity to host major championships and provide an influx of visitors to the Region at various times throughout the year with over 20 different regional/state championships held annually.

“I congratulate Hockey New England on their success in gaining federal funds for the project and also for their perseverance over many years to achieve their objective for their group and the spin off that will benefit the broader Armidale community,” Mr Windsor said.

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