



# Joint News Release

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## First Round of Jobs Fund Program delivers \$4.8 million to Illawarra projects and 189 jobs

Kembla Joggers will be build a new clubhouse, establish a fitness park and help support 50 jobs with \$1 million under the Commonwealth Government's Jobs Fund Program.

The Kembla Joggers National Cross Country Park and Clubhouse Development Project is among seven Illawarra projects that will be funded by the Commonwealth Government's Jobs Fund Program.

In addition to Commonwealth Government funds, Kembla Joggers has secured funding support from Wollongong City Council (\$100,000), New South Wales Government (\$200,000) and its own contribution of \$133,650.

The Kembla Joggers project is an example of a partnership between all levels of government and the project proponents putting 'skin in the game' as mentioned by the Prime Minister during his visit to Wollongong on 11 May 2009.

The Jobs Fund Program delivers \$4,851,000 to the Illawarra and helps support 189 jobs, 17 traineeships and 7 work experience places.

Today's funding announcements cover the Local Jobs and Get Communities Working streams of the Jobs Fund Program.

Further funding announcements on bicycle paths and heritage projects are expected to be made shortly.

The Jobs Fund Program has also delivered \$273,500 to three Wollongong charitable organisations, including Catholic Care, Healthy Cities Illawarra, Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families and \$180,555 to Bernados Australia for work on the Bundaleer public housing estate, announced on 27 August 2009.

All funding applications were competitively and transparently assessed by assessment teams in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Unsuccessful project applicants are invited to re-submit applications for the second round of the Jobs Fund Program.

We encourage applicants to discuss their project initiatives with the Illawarra Local Employment Co-ordinator, Ms Jane Robinson.

Details of the seven funded Illawarra projects are attached.

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