



The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vacluse



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\$7.5 MILLION FOR HAKOAH CLUB'S WHITE CITY SPORT FACILITIES

Member for Vacluse Gabrielle Upton MP announced that the NSW Government will support Hakoah Club's plans to revitalise White City, Paddington with a \$7.5 million grant.

Ms Upton said, "Hakoah Club has such a proud and strong history of community leadership in sport and recreation.

"The funding will support them in that important role. It will also give my local community long awaited and badly needed additional recreational facilities at White City which has long been run down and under-utilised".

The NSW Government's commitment matches funding announced by the Federal Government earlier this year. The \$60 million redevelopment will include sports facilities that will be open to non-club members such as the football field, learn to swim pool, tennis courts operated by Sydney Maccabi Tennis Club, basketball, netball and futsal courts as well as the gym, fitness and wellness centre, and café.

The President of Hakoah Club, Mr Steven Lowy AM, welcomed the support provided by the NSW Government.

"I wish to thank the State Government and, in particular, Minister Natalie Ward for her support and for sharing our bold vision for the revitalisation of White City and its immense positive impact on the local community."

"Hakoah Club was founded in 1938 and has a proud history serving the Sydney community. While the vast majority of funding for the project has come from the Jewish community, the Club has always welcomed members of all backgrounds and will continue this inclusive tradition at White City. Membership will be affordable, with individual memberships expected in the \$20 per month range at opening planned for late 2023."

Minister for Sport Natalie Ward said, "Investing in new and existing sports infrastructure is vital to improving the health and wellbeing of NSW residents.

"The redevelopment of White City will provide modern, accessible sports facilities for everyone in the community, allowing more people to enjoy the benefits of sport and active recreation."

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