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NEW GYMNASTICS EQUIPMENT FOR CESSNOCK PCYC

NSW Minister for Youth, Graham West, and Member for Cessnock, Kerry Hickey, today announced funding for gymnastics equipment at the Cessnock PCYC.

Mr Hickey said new gymnastics equipment was greatly needed at the local facility.

"This funding will allow the Head Gymnastics Coach, Garth Eveleigh, to replace some of the ageing equipment at the Cessnock PCYC," Mr Hickey said.

"The Centre provides a whole range of activities for young people in the area, and specialises in gymnastics programs for beginners through to adults.

"Of the 15 girls in the Competitive Gymnastics Team at Cessnock PCYC, 7 made the State Gymnastics Team.

Minister West said the NSW Government had allocated \$2,500 funding for the new equipment.

"PCYC's are vital to NSW communities, facilitating a number of activities and services for our young people," Mr West said.

"The Cessnock PCYC has had great success with its gymnastics programs, and I am pleased to support the young gymnasts of the area with funding for some new equipment.

Head Gymnastics Coach, Garth Eveleigh welcomed the funding, adding that some of the current gymnastics equipment was over 30 years old.

"Many of our gymnasts are regularly competing at a State level, but our gym is not of a competitive standard.

"It will be great to bring the facility up to speed with the talent and skill of our young athletes," Mr Eveleigh said.

"The PCYC holds some great gymnastics programs for the Cessnock community, including Junior Recreational Gymnastics, Teen Gymnastics, Advanced Skills Gymnastics and Senior Recreational Gymnastics.

To enquire about taking part in a gymnastics program, phone the Cessnock PCYC on 4991 1407.

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