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GRANT TO HELP LIONS KICK NEW CLUBHOUSE GOAL

Jake McCallum

THE Lions are coming home to Mark Taylor Oval after a State Government grant provided the funds to develop a clubhouse at their beloved grounds.

The $22,000 grant confirmed by state Liberal MPs Matt Kean and Alister Henskens, will allow the Hornsby Lions club to upgrade the grandstand at Mark Taylor Oval and clubhouse facilities at their home ground.

Hornsby Lions Rugby Club president Andrew Marren celebrated the funding for their home ground.

"These funds allow us to complete the first stage of a redevelopment that will allow Hornsby Rugby to have a 'home' for the first time in nearly 30 years," Marren said.

"It will be a facility to be shared between Hornsby Juniors, Hornsby Seniors, the Golden Oldies Rugby Club and Northern Districts Cricket Club. As president of Hornsby Junior Rugby Union, I am very appreciative of the initial sponsorship of this by council but especially our two local members working together."

Mr Henskens said the club would aim to have the first stage of work completed before the end of the current rugby season.

"Our goal is for a grand opening to welcome the 2017 season," Mr Henskens said.

"I am very glad that the State Government is giving a grant to enable the Hornsby Rugby Lions to build a clubhouse at Mark Taylor Oval in Waitara. The club has a rich history and it is great to see that rugby is flourishing in our area."

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