



**Jason Wood MP**  
Federal Member for La Trobe

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### Olinda Reserve Lights Up The Night

On Thursday Jason Wood MP beared the cold and celebrated the delivery of \$50,000 worth of new lighting at Olinda Reserve, to support a range of local sporting clubs and community groups.

“HillTop Recreation Association has worked hard over the last 6 years to raise almost \$1.7M for a new community facility – but adequate lighting was the missing piece of the puzzle,” Mr Wood said.

“I am very happy to support this real sporting icon for local residents and visitors. The way things were at the Olinda Reserve made it essentially unusable for evening training session, particularly in the colder months.”

The Reserve is also a check in point for the annual Melbourne Oxfam Trail walker.

“I am delighted that this is benefitting not only a range of sporting teams but also providing a better experience for participants who use the Reserve as a check-in point on the Oxfam walk.

“Prior to this development, support crews and organisers had to bring in their own generators to ensure adequate lighting.” Mr Wood said.

“We now have a modern, world-class facility in Olinda that was long overdue.” Colin Peterson, Founding Member and Treasurer of HillTop Recreation Association said.

“I have worked closely with the Hilltop Recreation Association since its inception in 2007. Today’s delivery of the lighting further demonstrates our support for local communities.” Mr Wood Said.

The delivery of the much needed lighting now means that the \$1.8M redevelopment is nearing completion. Olinda Ferny Creek Football Club, Olinda Cricket Club, Olinda Ferny Creek Junior Football Club, Kalorama/Mt. Dandenong Tennis Club, and the Sassafras/Ferny Creek Netball Club, and the general community, can now use the grounds for extended hours.

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