



Jason Wood MP
Federal Member for La Trobe

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\$1.5 Million Well Spent at Emerald Primary School

Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe, recently opened a new Basketball Centre at Emerald Primary School which was made possible through Federal funding of \$1.5 million.

Mr Wood attended Emerald Primary School's assembly on Friday 21st August to officially open the new facility and was warmly welcomed by the school community.

"I'm so proud to see this funding commitment of \$1.5 million for the construction of a basketball centre at Emerald Primary School come to fruition," Mr Wood said.

"Our funding means that this facility can now cater for both school students and the Emerald Lakers Basketball Club who urgently required a home base and training ground for its 300 plus members, who play in 35 teams.

"I made this commitment because the old facility used by students of Emerald Primary School, the Emerald Lakers Basketball Club and other community groups was scheduled to be demolished and they desperately needed assistance.

"I'm so glad this facility is up and running, because not only is it a place to keep fit, healthy, and have fun, but it's also a central point for the Emerald community to get together too"

"It has been a pleasure to work with Principal of Emerald Primary School, Mark Carver, and the rest of the school community.

"This funding has helped create an even better education experience for our local kids, as well as a community facility for basketball teams and other groups to use throughout the year."