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New cricket sight screens installed at Wade Park

The installation of new sight-screens at Wade Park, ahead of the start of the cricket season, will boost the quality of sporting facilities at the ground.

Orange City Council Sport and Recreation Committee chair, Cr Jason Hamling said the new equipment is a sign of the growing focus on boosting facilities at Orange's main cricket ground.

"Along with the planned cricket centre of excellence, the new sight-screens are all about providing the equipment that will let the game be played at its best," Cr Jason Hamling said. "As well as helping batsmen in the local competition play at their best, screens like this are essential for attracting top flight games."

"This is a great example of the way the council's grants program helps local sporting clubs who are prepared to do the hard work of fund-raising,"

"The council's Sports Facility Partnership Program makes dollar-for-dollar grants to local sporting clubs to boost the facilities they use at local venues. In this case, the Orange Cricket Association asked council for \$25,000 and they were able to match that with their own fund-raising and by seeking grants from other sources. On top of that, it made sense for the council to add an extra \$10,000 from its annual budget for Wade Park."

The Hon. Rick Colless Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW, has welcomed the completion of the project.

"It's projects like these which make a difference in regional communities and improve infrastructure across the board. There are dozens of local projects that have benefited from this program and I'm happy that we've been able to help the community with this one," Mr Colless said.

"The NSW Government is proud to be working in partnership with Orange City Council, local clubs and the corporate sector to improve the quality of local sporting facilities," Rick Colless said.

Wade Park Sight Screens	
Organisation	Funding
Orange City Council - Sports Facility Partnership Program	\$25,000
Orange City Council (installation costs)	\$10,000
Orange District Cricket Association	\$12,000
NSW Government - Community Building Partnerships Program	\$10,000
Mitchell Cricket Council	\$4,000
Western Zone Cricket	\$4,000

Southern Phone	\$4,055
TOTAL	\$69,055

Orange District Cricket Association President, Mark Frecklington is delighted to see the new sight-screens ready to be used at Wade Park.

“It’s going to make a lot of difference for local cricketers to get a better view of the ball,” Mark Frecklington said. “This new equipment is made up of both white and black-coloured panels which can be reversed for day or night games when a white or coloured ball is used.

“The new design means they can easily adjusted on their own running rail, or even removed altogether for a major football event.”

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