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PREMIER OPENS LANDMARK PLAYSPLACE IN GOSFORD

A \$10 million public park that includes a tidal terrace, nature-inspired play equipment and quality green space in Gosford was officially opened today by Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes.

Ms Berejiklian said the Leagues Club Park was another example of the NSW Government's commitment to investing in public space that would benefit locals and attract visitors from all over NSW.

"The Central Coast is a rapidly growing part of the State and projects like Leagues Club Park strengthen its appeal as a destination while creating economic benefits," Ms Berejiklian said.

"The park is a major revitalisation project for the Central Coast and demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment in driving urban transformation."

Mr Stokes said the park set the standard for what's possible in a city park, creating an inclusive public space that will act as Gosford's new cultural hub.

"We've gone beyond a plastic playground and jungle gym to create a park that brings nature into an urban centre, with an innovative tidal terrace, nature-inspired play equipment and quality green space," Mr Stokes said.

"The space was designed from the ground up to encourage visitors – regardless of age, background or ability – to explore and play in line with the Government's Everyone Can Play guidelines."

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch said interactive Aboriginal art, designed by local artist Gavi Duncan, celebrates the Indigenous significance of the site.

"The Central Coast has an incredibly strong Aboriginal community and I am so pleased the Darkinjung have been front and centre of the planning and construction of Leagues Club Park," Mr Crouch said.

"Construction powered forward throughout the pandemic. Local materials and local workers have been used wherever possible, including concreters from East Gosford, earthworkers from Mangrove Mountain and electrical services from Tuggerah and Wyong."

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