

**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY, EFFICACY AND VALUE FOR
MONEY OF NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

Organisation: Dubbo Golf Club

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The Dubbo Golf Club was fortunate to receive state support for the installation of disability access in the form of a lift to the four mezzanine levels of the Clubhouse and an Irrigation system for the 27 holes of the Golf Course.

The Golf Course is a member owned and operated sporting facility and is one of the only sporting facilities in Dubbo that is not government funded. The Golf Club has a long history of in excess of 100 years.

This support has provided opportunity for the Club and City to host golfing events of state and national significance as evidenced by the conduct of the NSW Women's Open in February/March, 2020. This event saw 150 of the worlds top athletes, including circa 100 international golfers, play for tour rights to the European Tour. A prestigious prize played out in Regional NSW.

It should be noted that this support was provided during the worst drought in living memory and gave members of the Club hope. For a regional community to receive such support during such disastrous economic times saved lives. For members, particularly agriculturally based members to be able to visit their Club and experience the positivity that surrounded the projects being undertaken gave hope.

Opportunities for regional communities to witness leading female athletes are few and far between. this event not only showcased the worlds best to the young women of Dubbo, but contributed significantly to the profile of Dubbo internationally, as well as providing strong economic benefits.

The installation of disability access has opened the club for Members with mobility challenges to experience more of their Club. With an ageing population, the ability for the elder members to remain engaged in their community through sport and clubhouse interaction provides considerable benefits to the individual and broader community.

The members of the Dubbo Golf Club are extremely proud of their Club and its achievements. The members are equally grateful for the support that the NSW Government has given to regional sport and its support of the Dubbo Golf Club will provide tourism and economic outcomes for the Dubbo Region for many years to come.