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'SPORTING CAPITAL' RECEIVES ACT BUDGET BOOST

The ACT Government will make a significant investment in Canberra's sporting and recreational life, with the funding of a sportsground improvement program, and the construction of new sports facilities in Gungahlin.

The ACT 2000-01 Budget includes **\$2.8 million over 2 years** for construction of the Amaroo playing field and pavilion. The Gungahlin complex will include playing fields, a pavilion, floodlights and a parking area.

"This new facility will ensure that Gungahlin residents have similar access to high quality playing fields to that of residents in other parts of the ACT," Sports Minister Bill Stefaniak said.

"Soccer, Rugby Union and Rugby League are all sports growing in the Gungahlin area, and the Amaroo fields will meet this emerging need.

"Encouraging a healthy lifestyle and regular physical activity is a key Government priority. The allocation of funding for a playing field complex at Amaroo is evidence of our commitment to this priority."

Mr Stefaniak said the Budget also committed more than **\$0.9 million** for a program to refurbish existing sports grounds, improving playing surfaces, amenities, security, drainage and ACT swimming pools.

Other improvements planned include:

- Training lights to be installed at several grounds including Griffith, Yarralumla and Kaleen;
- New toilet/canteen/storage facilities to be built at Calwell, Yarralumla and Hall;
- Existing pavilions at Dickson, Majura and Aranda playing fields will be extensively refurbished.

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