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Captains Flat tennis & preschool big winners

Jingera Preschool and the Captains Flat Tennis Courts are the latest to benefit from the efforts of local MP Steve Whan, who today announced more than **\$10,000** in grants to the Captains Flat community.

"I am delighted to today announce **\$8,750** for the resurfacing of the Captains Flat Tennis Courts, as well as the installation of new lighting, Steve Whan said.

"And I am also pleased to be able to provide the Jingera Preschool with a cheque for **\$3,000** to purchase a brand new rainwater tank and pump.

"Both funding items came directly from the Captains Flat community raising the need with me and calling for assistance. I gladly took the community's request to the Government and I am pleased with the positive outcome we've received.

"I know the revamped tennis courts will become a far more popular sport and recreational and even social point for the community, and the new water tank and pump will be a much needed and welcomed addition to the Jingera Preschool.

Peter Marshall, President of the Captains Flat Community Association, thanked Steve Whan for his ongoing work for the community of Captains Flat, and in securing these funds for the pre-school and the park.

Peter was joined by Elizabeth Estbergs, Chairperson of the Wilkins Memorial Park Section 355 Committee, who welcomed the funds for the upgrading of the tennis courts.

"This was something the new Committee had given a high priority to achieving, and it could now go ahead thanks to Steve's assistance, Elizabeth said.

Steve Whan made the announcement while in Captains Flat as part of his regular 'mobile office', which involves Steve regularly travelling the Monaro electorate making himself available in the local community and meeting with individuals and groups.

"My mobile office days are an important part of giving our smaller communities direct access to their elected Member of Parliament, and are an excellent way for me to keep in touch with the people and issues in places like Captains Flat.

"Grants like the ones announced today often come from locals contacting me with their concerns or requests for assistance. That constant dialogue with the community is what helps me fight for better services and facilities, and I welcome the input the Captains Flat community provided towards today's announcements, Steve whan said.

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