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MEDIA RELEASE

North Tamworth Bowling Club rewarded for charitable efforts toward the community

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The North Tamworth Bowling Club will today fire up the barbeque for at least 60 members and club associates in celebration of a \$20,000 State Government funded extension to its facility.

The extension, in the form of a shade cover over the outdoor recreation area, was recently completed in preparation for the summer months.

Club president Des Allen said the barbeque area was built over 18 months ago with the capacity to seat 50 people on a paved area. Community organisations and club members use the area frequently to fundraise for various charities but weather conditions have proven problematic.

"We found it was very hot out there this summer and we had a lot of seniors wanting to use the area who couldn't. We felt we had to do something fairly soon due to the number of functions we hold there," Mr Allen said.

Mr Allen approached Member for Tamworth Peter Draper who secured a one-off \$19,631 grant from the NSW Premier's Department after inspecting the facility. The funding was used to erect a Spanline cover for the roof and to light the area.

Mr Draper said the grant approval from the Premier Bob Carr was recognition of the Club's concerted fundraising efforts and its ongoing commitment to the Tamworth community.

"The club supports organisations such as Riding for the Disabled, the Bullimbal Special School, the Tamworth Base Hospital Auxiliary, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and St Nicholas Seniors' Association which all stand to benefit from the club's initiative in seeking this funding to improve its facilities," Mr Draper said.

Media Opportunity: North Tamworth Bowling Club president Des Allen (6766 1987) and Peter Draper MP will commission the new area at the club in Piper St at 12 noon, Wednesday, 11 August, 2004. All welcome to attend for lunch.

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