



## **SENATOR THE HON MARK ARBIB**

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### **NEW SA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE OPENED**

Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth today attended the opening of the new South Australian Aquatic and Leisure Centre, a new world class aquatic facility for South Australia.

The Gillard Government has contributed \$18 million to the project, which includes an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a diving and water polo pool and capacity for 4,500 spectators.

The redeveloped site also includes accommodation for the South Australian Sports Institute aquatic coaching programs and a state of the art Dryland Training Centre.

“The new Aquatic Centre will be a great facility for our local community. Not only does the centre have state-of-the-art facilities for our athletes, it will also become a hub for the local community with a learn to swim pool, two water slides, a gym and cafe,” Ms Rishworth said.

“With the new centre, South Australia now has the facilities to host major swimming, diving and water polo events, like the Australian Age Championships later this month.

“The redevelopment is an example of the Gillard and Rann Governments working together to deliver on local community infrastructure in South Australia.”

Minister for Sport Mark Arbib said the SA Aquatic Centre was just one of a number of sporting facilities that the Gillard Government was investing in for local communities.

“As Sports Minister I’m working to get more kids away from the television and into sport and physical activity and investing in community facilities like the SA Aquatic Centre is essential if we’re going to promote healthier lifestyles for our kids,” Senator Arbib said.

“The new pool will not only provide the facilities for the next generation of local kids to learn how to swim, but it might also be the training ground for our next swimming sensation in years to come. I commend the South Australian Government on delivering this fantastic facility for South Australia.”