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A State first: Kyogle to unveil outdoor accessible gym and community mosaic

Launch date: **11am Thursday 30th June 2016**

In what is thought to be a first for NSW, Kyogle is now home to outdoor fully accessible gym equipment. Local State MP Thomas George and Kyogle Mayor, Cr Danielle Mulholland will be among the dignitaries present at the ribbon cutting for Kyogle's new all accessible outdoor gym at Anzac Park.

A partnership between Kyogle Council and Far North Coast Ability Links, and made possible through grant funding from the NSW Government Department of Sport and Recreation, the new development in Anzac Park includes four pieces of gym equipment suitable for people of all abilities including users of wheelchairs, scooters and other mobility aids.

"It's the only all accessible outdoor gym equipment that we're aware of in NSW" says Ability Linker, Sandy Kelly. "Entrance to the park has been made fully accessible, there is now extra concrete under picnic tables to suit wheelchairs and plans are now in place to install an accessible toilet and shelter so it will be a space which is open to everybody to use."

"It's been a great thing for our Ability Links participants, having this facility which is open to them at all hours."

"If we're not making sure that our open spaces are serving people with additional challenges, we're not serving our whole community. I'm so pleased that Kyogle now has a space to suit everybody" says Sandy.

Also to be unveiled at Anzac Park, is a new community mosaic which was created by the Ability Links participants with the help of local mosaic artist, Scott Harrower.

The official public launch will be held at Anzac Park, Kyogle 11am Thursday 30th June. This will be followed at 12pm with a free community barbecue in the park to which all are welcome.

Below is a film clip of Ability Links participants and their experience at Kyogle Community Gym.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIIPfIOgzNY>

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