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FROM BRICK PIT TO PUBLIC PARK: NEW GREEN SPACE OPENS IN HOMEBUSH

A new 2.5 hectare park at Powells Creek has opened today, transforming an unused corridor in Sydney’s west into a new recreation and green space for the local community.

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes said Ismay Reserve, located next to the New M4 just north of Parramatta Road to Pomeroy Street at Homebush, is another example of the NSW Government’s commitment to creating new green open spaces.

“This is the first new park to open as part of the WestConnex Legacy project and unlocks a previously inaccessible area for the local community that will be enjoyed for many years to come,” Mr Stokes said.

“Almost 6,000 homes are within 10 minutes’ walk of this fantastic new park, which has something for everyone, including a children’s playground, barbeque facilities, ping pong tables, exercise stations and even a futsal court.

“There’s also a new shared pedestrian and cycle path between Parramatta Road and Pomeroy Street that connects to Sydney Olympic Park to make it easier for people to get outside and enjoy the outdoors.”

WestConnex worked closely with Strathfield Council and the Greater Sydney Commission to create Ismay Reserve, which is located on the site of a former brick pit.

About 160 trees have also been planted in the new park, with another 5,500 trees to be added to the local tree canopy as part of the New M4 project.

More green space will be delivered through WestConnex than any other urban road project in Australia’s history, with more than 18 hectares of new open space to be created in Sydney’s inner west.