



## press release

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### **BANKSTOWN COMMUNITY PUTS FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS FIRST**

Greenacre Area Community Centre kicked off its Twilight Soccer Grand Final after receiving a \$5,000 SUEZ Community Grant.

Aimed at supporting the health and well-being of local young people, the Twilight Soccer program will use the grant funding to deliver a full six-week program for teenagers aged 12-16 years.

The free Twilight Soccer program not only provides local youths with a safe supervised space to go on Friday nights to have fun and learn new skills, but also includes a free dinner, soccer uniforms and transport home afterwards.

Kim Finnimore, SUEZ NSW Local Government Manager, presented the cheque to the Greenacre Area Community Centre on Friday night and said SUEZ was delighted to fund a local program that both supports and encourages recreation and community participation.

"Twilight Soccer Bankstown is a fantastic example of how sport and recreation can be used as a platform to deliver life skills to young people in a fun and safe environment," said Mr Finnimore.

Bankstown Mayor, Cr Linda Downey, said that it was very encouraging to see a company like SUEZ support the Bankstown community.

"This program is one hundred per cent supported by the community and relies on volunteers to coach and manage teams as well as offer catering, administrative support and even drive children home at the end of the night," said Ms Downey.

"It offers young people with access to local youth and support services, whilst building them opportunities to develop their self-esteem and resilience and provides exposure to positive local role models," she added.

SUEZ launched the company's community grants program in 2013 and to date has provided more than \$250,000 in funding across Australia.

For more information on the SUEZ Community Grants program or to register to receive information about the next grant round in 2016 visit [www.suezcommunitygrants.com.au/](http://www.suezcommunitygrants.com.au/).

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