



# MICHAEL SUKKAR MP

Federal Member for Deakin



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## **JUNIOR CRICKETERS GET SET FOR INAUGURAL DEAKIN COMMUNITY CUP**

Michael Sukkar MP, Federal Member for Deakin, is encouraging residents to come out next Sunday to cheer on young cricketers in the inaugural Deakin Community Cup.

The Deakin Community Cup, being run in partnership with the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association (BHRDCA), will be held at Terrara Park in Vermont South on Sunday, February 9 from 9am to 1pm.

U/10, U/12 and U/14 players from all ten junior clubs in the BHRDCA will divide into two teams that represent the north and south of the electorate. They will compete for the Cup in three simultaneous matches.

"I am really looking forward to heading out to watch our talented young cricketers in the Deakin Community Cup," Mr Sukkar said.

"It is the first time this community sporting event has been held and I'm interested to see which part of the electorate, north or south, will be victorious.

"The competition is also for a good cause with all proceeds going to Taralye, the oral language centre for deaf children in Blackburn, so I really hope residents join us to cheer on the teams that represent their suburb."

BHRDCA Junior Section Manager Peter White praised the Deakin Community Cup as a "magnificent initiative" to encourage local families to get active and participate in team sport.

"Opportunities such as the Deakin Community Cup, where players from opposing clubs can become team mates and play an action-packed morning of cricket, are tremendous", he said.

The teams will be named Hutchinson and Davis after the first two elected MPs in Deakin. Hutchinson will represent suburbs including Mitcham, Blackburn, Blackburn North and Laburnum; while Davis will cover Forest Hill, Heathmont, Vermont and Nunawading.

Mr Sukkar will provide a commemorative cap to all players and volunteers as well as presenting the Deakin Community Cup to the winning side.

Entry is via gold coin donation and there will be children's activities, prizes and a sausage sizzle.

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