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ALBERT ‘TIBBY’ COTTER WALKWAY OPENS IN MOORE PARK PRECINCT

NSW Roads Minister Duncan Gay and Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres today officially opened the Albert ‘Tibby’ Cotter Walkway at Moore Park with members of the Cotter family.

Albert ‘Tibby’ Cotter was a fast bowler for Australia from 1904 to 1912 and was killed in action in while serving as a stretcher bearer in the 4th Light Horse Brigade of the Australian Imperial Force.

“The NSW Government has not just provided an important piece of infrastructure for this sporting and entertainment precinct. This walkway will forever stand a tribute to ‘Tibby Cotter’ and a reminder to visitors of the sacrifice of the ANZACs,” Mr Gay said.

“We committed to open the ‘Tibby’ Cotter walkway in time to welcome spectators to the first ICC World Cup cricket match at the Sydney Cricket Ground and we have delivered.

“The pedestrian and cycling bridge spanning Anzac Parade is expected to benefit 1.5 million spectators headed to and from major events at the Moore Park precinct annually as well as the 350,000 residents and cyclists travelling to the city daily.

“Cricket fans heading to the South Africa v West Indies match are the first to try out this impressive structure today. I’m sure Sydneysiders and locals will embrace the link for a safer journey between Moore Park, Surry Hills and Sydney CBD,” Mr Ayres said.

“It’s been a superb effort by all involved including up to 50 workers working through the night using a 350 and 400 tonne crane and other equipment to lift spans into place, pour the concrete deck and install hand railings,” Mr Ayres said.

“The architecturally designed 420 metre long structure links to existing paths Anzac Parade and made up of a 180 metre steel span connected to two 120 metre concrete ramps.

“The walkway is going to make a huge impact on the movement of spectators in and out of the Moore Park sporting and entertainment precinct and improve road safety and access.

“If we can make it easier to get in and out of Sydney’s oldest sporting precinct that is good for local communities and good for visitors,” Mr Ayres said.

Mr Scott Tate, the great great nephew of Albert ‘Tibby Cotter’ said his family was moved by the gesture, which will ensure his legacy is remembered by all who visit the precinct.

“There were so many Australians who didn’t make it home, and we hope this story will remind everyone of the sacrifice of all ANZACS and the gratitude we owe them as a nation.” Mr Tate said.

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