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BER project benefits school and local business

The construction of two new playgrounds at Surrey Hills Primary School has helped to support local business, while the end result will be enjoyed by students for many years to come, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke said today.

Ms Burke visited Surrey Hills Primary this morning to officially open the school's new \$208,000 outdoor play areas, which received \$150,000 in funding via the 'National School Pride' component of the Government's BER program.

"I know students and teachers alike have been watching with keen interest the constructions taking place and I'm thrilled the school is really benefiting from this federally funded project," she said.

Ms Burke celebrated the opening of the new facilities with students, staff, the parent's association and SmartGrass – a Surrey Hills business that manufactured and installed the synthetic grass used in the playgrounds.

"This is a fantastic result for the community and displays how the stimulus is benefiting our schools and local businesses," she said.

"This is the first outdoor project Surrey Hills Primary has undertaken to rebuild its grounds following two years of major building works.

"It's great to see a local business like SmartGrass engaged to complete this project; keeping the community working is what the Government's stimulus plan is all about.

"By investing in our schools, the Rudd Government is not only providing our community with better educational facilities, we're also helping to keep local contractors, tradies, truck drivers and small businesses working during difficult economic times," she said.

Ms Burke said the Government is investing \$82 million across Chisholm's 46 schools through the BER program.

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