

# Champion Lakes gets the thumbs up from rowers

CHAMPION Lakes – WA's newest sporting recreational park was on display last Thursday as representatives from Rowing WA and Canoeing WA tested the multi-million dollar man-made water facility.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan escorted Sporting and Recreation Minister John Bowler on a tour of the future rowing, canoeing and triathlon complex.

Local sporting groups were allowed to use Champion Lakes for the first time and they heaped praise on the new complex.

Ms MacTiernan said the lake used non-potable water from a 700m deep bore into the Yarragadee aquifer.

"It holds 2.8gigalitres, the equivalent of 100,000 swimming pools, and is about 4m deep in the main racing channel and about 2.5m deep in the warm-up lake," she said.

Future plans also include a world-standard whitewater canoeing and rafting facility.

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Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan and Sporting and Recreation Minister John Bowler (centre) with the crew from Dragons Abreast, who raise money for cancer research, at the Champion Lakes complex. Picture: Marcelo Palacios