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APPLICATIONS OPEN NEXT MONTH FOR NEXT ROUND OF PUBLIC RESERVE FUNDING

Minister for Natural Resources, Lands & Water Kevin Humphries is encouraging managers of local parks and reserves, state parks, showgrounds and caravan parks to start preparing applications for funding under the next round of the Public Reserves Management Fund Program.

Mr Humphries said the 2015/16 round of the PRMFP will open in early March 2015, delivering at least \$15 million to improve public reserves across the State.

“Public reserve managers from across the State will soon be invited to apply for grants and loans to assist them to develop, maintain and improve public reserves,” Mr Humphries said.

“Public reserves are wonderful assets that are highly valued by local communities. In many cases their ongoing success is vital to local sport and social activities, as well as business and tourism in regional towns.

“The 2015/16 funding program differs from past years as it will be a single round, so it is very important for reserve managers to take note of the application dates when they are announced.

“Crown reserve caravan parks, local parks and reserves, state parks and showgrounds on Crown land will be eligible for funding, along with freehold showgrounds and schools of arts.

“It will be open to a wide range of activities including repairs and maintenance, pest and weed control, recreational infrastructure, environmental initiatives and other capital projects to improve the condition of Crown reserves.

“Applicants seeking larger amounts, including grants or loans over \$500,000, are also encouraged to apply.”

Mr Humphries said the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has allocated more than \$80 million to the PRMFP over the past four years.

“The program’s success relies on the good work undertaken at a grassroots level by managers, reserve trusts and local communities, and the NSW Government will continue to ensure that our public reserves continue to be managed by and for the public,” Mr Humphries said.

“The program is just one example of the NSW Government’s commitment to the cultural, sporting, economic and recreational life of communities across NSW.”

Information on how to apply this year will be on the Crown Lands website at www.crownland.nsw.gov.au

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