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**FUNDS ON OFFER FOR CROWN RESERVES**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner today announced the commencement of the 2013/14 round of the NSW Government's Public Reserves Management Fund Program.

Mr Stoner said public reserve managers from across the State are invited to apply for grants and loans to assist them in the development, maintenance and improvement of public reserves.

"Managers have until 3 May this year to submit their applications for the 2013/14 round of the NSW Government's Public Reserves Management Fund Program," Mr Stoner said.

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

"This funding helps support important initiatives such as the development of Crown caravan parks, maintenance of showgrounds and community halls, and the improvement of local parks and reserves.

"Last year's Program supported a wide range of activities, ranging from multi-million dollar loans for improvements to holiday parks in the Mid and Far North Coasts, to grants of a few thousand dollars for the installation of disabled access ramps at public halls.

"At least \$15m is expected to be allocated to managers in 2013/14.

"Applications for support can be made by the manager of any public reserve. Preference will be given to caravan parks, showgrounds, local parks and reserves, community halls and walking tracks on Crown land, and to works in State Parks.

"The Public Reserves Management Fund Program is just one example of the NSW Government's commitment to the cultural, sporting, economic and recreational life of communities across NSW," Mr Stoner said.

Reserve managers interested in applying for financial support should access the Crown Lands website at [www.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au).

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