



**The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP**  
**Deputy Premier of NSW**  
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**FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING ON OFFER SOON FOR NSW  
CROWN RESERVES**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner said the NSW Government would soon launch the 2014/15 Public Reserves Management Fund, which is expected to offer at least \$23 million to support maintenance, upgrade and repair works on public reserves across the State.

Mr Stoner today encouraged the State's Crown reserve trusts and managers to start thinking about projects for the targeted Government funding so they are ready to go when applications open.

"Round one of the 2014/15 Public Reserves Management Fund (PRMF) will open in the coming weeks," Mr Stoner announced in Tweed Heads this morning.

"Under last year's program, we offered a total of \$23.6 million in grants and loans to assist managers in the development, maintenance and improvement of public reserves.

"This Government is committed to investing in important local infrastructure – \$6.5 million of last year's total funding went to North Coast public reserves alone, while just over \$15 million of grants and loans were delivered to all our regional areas.

"We want to continue supporting regional investment and economic growth. For this year's program, we are encouraging the development of collaborative, multi-trust projects and applications that support tourism, events and employment, especially in regional communities."

Mr Stoner said the 2014/15 PRMF would be separated into two rounds – the first round focussing on pest and weed management and the support of showgrounds.

"Managers of showgrounds, or managers of any reserve type with a suitable pest or weeds project, will have until mid-March to submit an application," Mr Stoner said.

"This first round is expected to be finalised by June, before the broader second round – focussing on caravan parks, state parks, showgrounds, local parks and reserves – opens around August."

Member for Tweed Geoff Provest said the North Coast's 4000 or so public reserves should take advantage of the generous Government funding and carefully consider making applications.

“Tweed public reserves were offered a massive \$1.2 million in funds under last year’s PRMF to go towards enhancing recreational amenities and accommodation at two of our local holiday parks,” Mr Provest said.

“Hopefully our region can share again in the pool of funds on offer under this year’s PRMF.”

Reserve managers interested in applying for financial support should access the full list of program priorities, eligibility/assessment criteria and details on how to apply, online now at the Crown Lands website: [www.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au).

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