



**The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP**  
**Deputy Premier of NSW**  
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**Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services**

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**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NSW CROWN RESERVE FUNDING**

Managers of the State's public reserves are invited to apply for millions of dollars' worth of targeted NSW Government funding for showground maintenance and weed and pest control.

Acting Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner said, from today, applications were open for the first round of the Government's 2014/15 Public Reserve Management Fund (PRMF).

"Each year this vital funding, made up of grants and loans, ensures our public reserves remain in top condition," Mr Stoner said.

"Public reserves, which include local parks and facilities, walking trails, showgrounds and caravan parks, are important to communities and make an important contribution to the NSW economy.

"Many public reserves are in regional NSW and this investment is important for those regional communities.

"Under round one of this year's program, funding will only be open to managers of showgrounds and any public reserves that require urgent pest and weed maintenance.

"These managers will have four weeks from today to submit applications for projects they see fit to benefit from this generous funding.

"Round two, commencing around August, will focus on all other public reserves including caravan parks, state parks, showgrounds and local parks and reserves.

"Last year, the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government delivered a record \$23.6 million under the PRMF – a \$6 million increase from the year before.

"The PRMF ensures there is a fair distribution of offers across the State, with grants and loans of just over \$15 million being delivered to regional areas in 2013."

The first round of the PRMF will be finalised by June. Reserve managers of showgrounds, or of any reserve type with a suitable pest or weeds project, have until Monday 17 March to submit applications on the Crown Lands website at [www.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au).