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\$23.6 MILLION IN CROWN RESERVES GRANTS AND LOANS

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner today announced \$23.6 million in NSW Government funding to continue supporting the State's public reserves.

Mr Stoner said the funding came under the Public Reserves Management Fund's (PRMF) 2013/14 round, which offers \$6 million more than last year's allocation.

"This increase, in part, reflects a greater number of applications from Crown reserve managers," Mr Stoner said.

"The program's ongoing success relies on these managers and local community trusts to apply – the Government then supports them by delivering the funds to where they are needed.

"The PRMF provides funds for improvements, maintenance and protection of Crown land reserves in NSW, ranging from building new cabins at holiday parks to weed and pest management on public reserves.

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

Highlights of grants under this year's funding include:

- \$6.5 million for local parks and reserves
- \$2 million for iconic regional showground improvements
- \$679,000 for caravan and holiday parks
- \$985,000 for walking tracks and trails
- \$410,000 for bushfire control
- \$1.2 million to control weeds
- \$124,000, for feral pest control
- \$4.6 million for state parks.

"This PRMF funding will support the maintenance of regional showgrounds, community halls, local parks and reserves, as well as improvements to recreational attractions such as holiday parks and walking trails."

Mr Stoner said in addition to the grants, the PRMF would also provide loans of \$6.1 million for improvements at Crown holiday parks and another \$425,000 in loans to local parks and reserves.

“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 this year,” Mr Stoner said.

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

“Crown reserve managers will shortly receive letters outlining the funding offers. Once they accept them, the funds will be made available.”

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