



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

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HAWKESBURY CHOOSES MY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP today announced the winners of the My Community Project with applicants now able to bring their ideas to life.

The Hawkesbury electorate will benefit from four projects put forward and voted on by the local community, which will now be funded by the NSW Government's My Community Project programme.

The successful Hawkesbury projects are:

- Building a new Men's Shed (\$81,000) – To erect a larger men's shed for members. This will improve the amenity and help with community assistance projects
- Richmond School of Arts Lighting and Sound Update (\$90,750) – A programme to replace the fragile, obsolete 1970s lighting system used in this historic and beautiful building
- Community Defib Project – Wisemans Ferry (\$35,000) – Developing a safer Wisemans Ferry for locals and visitors through purchase of public access defibrillators and community education
- Richmond Swimming Centre Shade & Seating Installation (\$61,144) – Installation of additional permanent shade structures & accessible seating (including wheelchair access to tables) backing onto existing pool shelters and seating

Ms Preston thanked all applicants and sponsors for taking the time and effort to develop their ideas and promote their projects along with the members of the community who voted.

"My Community Project captured the imagination of the Hawkesbury community with people putting a lot of work into their ideas and it was great to see people get behind the projects that matter to them," Ms Preston said.

"These projects came from the community and were voted on by the community and I now look forward to seeing applicants and sponsors getting on with the job of rolling out these projects and the benefits they will provide to the local community."

More than \$24 million was made available, spread across the entire State, for projects valued between \$20,000 and \$200,000 that would make communities more liveable, cultural, accessible, safe, revitalised or healthy.

Acting Treasurer Damien Tudehope said My Community Project was a great example of real grassroots democracy in action and the projects chosen to receive funding reflected the wishes of the people.



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“There has been a tremendous response to the My Community Project programme with more than 61,400 people casting their vote through the My Community Project website across the State,” Mr Tudehope said.

“I congratulate the successful project applicants and urge those projects that were unsuccessful to see if they could be eligible to apply for other NSW Government funding from programmes such as Community Building Partnerships, which is now open until 29th September 2019.

“My Community Project was made possible by the NSW Generations Fund, a sovereign wealth fund that helps maintain debt at sustainable levels, while sharing the benefits of its returns with local communities.”

For further information visit www.nsw.gov.au/mycommunityproject.

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