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HAWKESBURY WELCOMES \$1.68 MILLION TO FUND COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE AFFECTED IMPROVEMENTS

The Hawkesbury community will be boosted by the funding of \$1.68 million to support community bushfire affected improvements. This co-funding by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments will target those areas hardest hit by last season's devastating bushfires.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said the announcement is exciting news for the communities of Colo Heights, Bilpin and St Albans area who were heavily impacted by last season's horrific bushfires.

"This funding will help support local infrastructure projects such as recreation parks, sporting facilities and markets, which will help local businesses," Ms Preston said.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro MP said the NSW government is focussed on supporting the recovery of communities in bush-fire affected regions across NSW.

"The funding of local infrastructure projects will drive economic and social recovery, strengthen morale, increase preparedness and future natural disasters and help communities get back on their feet in the short, medium and long term," Mr Barilaro said.

The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Patrick Conolly has welcomed the funding announcement.

"Hawkesbury City Council submitted community projects for each bushfire affected area as part of the funding application for the Local Economic Recovery Program," Mayor Conolly said.

"This funding announcement is great news as it will be a huge boost for our community and take us much further on the journey towards bushfire recovery with projects that really matter to our community members," the Mayor said.

Federal Senator The Hon. Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women said the fund was supporting Hawkesbury's recovery from last summer's bushfires by delivering on-the-ground funding.

"This investment in bushfire-affected townships will help the renewal process, bolster tourism and support jobs," Senator Payne said.