



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **MORE LOCAL SHOWGROUND STIMULUS UPGRADES**

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, today announced over \$682k in funding has been allocated for upgrades to the Hawkesbury showground.

Ms Preston said the funding is being provided by the NSW Government under phase 2 of its COVID-19 showground stimulus program.

“It’s fantastic to report that over \$682k in funding has been secured for local showground upgrades,” Ms Preston said.

“Showgrounds are multi-use community hubs and this continued funding comes at an important time as COVID-19 has been disrupting activities that showgrounds rely on for their income.

“This investment will improve the safety and quality of showground infrastructure while stimulating work for local trades and material suppliers.”

Local showground projects being funded include:

- \$310,530 for stable refurbishment
- \$102,014 for reconfiguration, refurbishment of aged amenities block
- \$97,834 for upgrade and resurfacing of main internal roadway
- \$58,732 for upgrade and replacement of main arena ground announcer boxes
- \$29,755 for safety fencing to competition arena 3 and arena 4
- \$25,657 for supply and installation of post and rail fencing to equestrian competition and exercise arena
- \$22,000 for upgrade of major electrical distribution control boards
- \$21,842 for replacement of guttering and drainage on administration building
- \$13,908 for canine training and competition arena permanent seating

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes said the NSW Government has allocated another \$20 million for showground upgrades across the State from the COVID-19 stimulus program to improve community infrastructure and support jobs and local economies.

“Our previous investment of \$35 million helped upgrade these important community facilities while stimulating local economies and providing jobs for local tradespeople and suppliers,” Mr Stokes said.

“This additional \$20 million investment will ensure that good work continues with a further 172 upgrade projects at 73 showgrounds to create better public spaces.

“Showground projects across the State have been wide ranging - from rebuilds of grandstands, pavilions, arenas and stables to upgrades of kitchen and amenities blocks, lighting and electrical systems, water and sewerage networks and roads.”