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HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR NSW GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Local organisations in Hawkesbury can now apply for funding to support local community projects thanks to the NSW Liberal Government's Clubgrants program.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said Clubgrants allow local community groups to build or upgrade community facilities and a new round has opened with applications welcome from not-for-profit organisations.

"\$12.5 million is available this year for new or upgraded facilities across sport and recreation, arts and culture, disaster readiness and community infrastructure," Ms Preston said.

"This is an opportunity for local organisations to apply for funding for projects that will provide long-term benefits to the community.

"Infrastructure Grants can fund construction, alteration, renovation, completion and fit-out of buildings and community infrastructure.

"Projects funded may include new or upgraded sports grounds, museums, theatres, homeless shelters and evacuation centres."

Ms Preston said the grants can be used for spaces like halls and meeting rooms, lights for sporting grounds, spaces for storing and exhibiting cultural artifacts, community transport, infrastructure that supports youth, disability, mental health, homelessness and domestic violence services.

"This is about connecting the community, fostering participation in sport, recreation and arts and boosting social inclusion and disaster resilience," Ms Preston said.

Since 2015, the NSW Liberals in Government have funded more than 520 community projects worth \$81 million under the Infrastructure Grants program.

These grants are made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund which re-invests profits from registered clubs' gaming machines into community projects. Funding is available for infrastructure projects in four key areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Community Infrastructure
- Disaster Readiness
- Sport & Recreation

Flood affected communities will be prioritised in funding decisions for this round, in line with priorities for disaster affected communities.

Applications for the first round of funding for 2022/23 are open until 18 July. To find out more information or to apply, please visit nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants-infrastructure