



Robyn Preston MP

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HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR NSW GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Today, Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said that local organisations in Hawkesbury can now apply for funding to support local community projects under the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants program.

Ms Preston said the \$12.5 million annual program supports new or upgraded facilities across sport and recreation, arts and culture, disaster readiness and community infrastructure.

"This is a great chance for local organisations to seek funding for a project to provide long-term tangible benefits to the community," Ms Preston said.

"The current round of funding will prioritise projects in flood-affected communities, supporting ongoing efforts to rebuild and repair damaged community infrastructure.

"With floods and storms taking a huge toll on many regions across NSW, it's great that Infrastructure Grants can be used to help impacted communities get back on their feet.

"A disaster category is not new as we have previously included drought and bushfire affected communities for priority funding under the program."

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

"Types of projects funded include new or upgraded sports grounds, museums, theatres, homeless shelters and evacuation centres," Ms Preston said.

"These projects are all about creating resilient, healthy and connected communities, promoting participation in sport, recreation and arts, and boosting social inclusion and disaster resilience."

Since 2015, the NSW Government has funded more than 560 community projects worth \$85 million under the Infrastructure Grants Program.

"Funding under the program is made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 program, which re-invests profits from registered clubs' gaming machines into community projects."

The current round of funding closes on Monday 31 October. For more details visit www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/responsible-gambling-grants