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WESTINVEST INJECTS \$357 MILLION TO TRANSFORM WESTERN SYDNEY

Western Sydney locals will benefit from more than 20 new and revitalised parks, 22 upgraded sports grounds and recreational facilities and more than 30 kilometres of new and upgraded walking and cycling paths, funded by the \$5 billion WestInvest Fund.

Premier Dominic Perrottet, Treasurer Matt Kean, Minister for Western Sydney David Elliott and Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman today announced more than \$69 million in funding for a further 12 projects across five Local Government Areas (LGAs). This takes the total number of projects funded through the \$400 million WestInvest Community Project Grants – Local Government Allocation, to 68, worth more than \$357 million.

In Hawkesbury, almost \$17 million has been allocated to four projects:

- \$5.4 million towards the \$8.8 million **Woodbury Reserve Upgrade** project to deliver a new playground, sports courts, a BMX pump track, a skate park and walking tracks
- \$4.5 million for the **Kurrajong to Kurmond Cycleway** project to deliver a 1.75km offroad shared path alongside Bells Line of Road between Kurmond and Kurrajong
- \$4.6 million towards the \$9.87 million **Fernadell Park and Community Facility development** project to deliver new sporting facilities to encourage women and young people to get active
- \$2.3 million for the **Getting around and discovering the Hawkesbury** project to deliver wayfinding and signage to guide residents and visitors through the diverse attractions in the Hawkesbury.

Hawkesbury City Council will contribute a combined \$8.7 million to the Woodbury Reserve Upgrade and Fernadell Park and Community Facility development projects.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said that the WestInvest projects will encourage residents to spend more time outdoors enjoying everything Hawkesbury has to offer.

“The NSW Government’s funding for these projects will be an investment in the Hawkesbury community by bringing people together to participate in sport and explore the area’s natural beauty,” Ms Preston said.

The WestInvest Local Government Allocation will deliver:

- 20 new and revitalised parks
- 22 upgraded sports grounds, recreational facilities
- More than 30km of new or upgraded walking/cycling paths
- 12 activated high streets and town centres
- 19 new and upgraded community and multipurpose centres
- 13 arts and cultural-focused projects
- Four new and upgraded libraries
- Six youth-focused projects
- 19 new and upgraded playgrounds
- 13 new and upgraded BMX and/or skate parks
- 11 new and upgraded BBQ and picnic facilities and shelters

As part of the WestInvest Fund, \$2 billion was reserved for priority Community Projects. This included \$400 million for 15 LGAs in West and South West Sydney, with each local council eligible for between \$20 million and \$35 million, depending on population size.

A further \$1.6 billion from the \$2 billion Community Project Grants is available to local community groups. These projects are expected to be announced later this year. A total of \$3 billion is also set aside to deliver transformational projects led by NSW Government agencies.

The \$5 billion WestInvest program was made possible by the Government's successful WestConnex asset recycling strategy.

To find out more about WestInvest visit www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/westinvest

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