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NEW WISEMANS FERRY BOAT RAMP BRINGS HOPE TO FLOOD-RAVAGED COMMUNITY

Following the devastation of two major flood events in 2022, almost \$4 million of new boating infrastructure at Wisemans Ferry has been launched, breathing new life into the recreational facilities of the picturesque Hawkesbury River community.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said the NSW Government invested more than \$2.1 million to give the area a much-needed boost after several months of uncertainty and major flood clean-up operations in the region.

“The new facilities, funded under the NSW Government’s Boating Now Program, was delivered in partnership with The Hills Shire Council which contributed \$1.5 million and Hornsby Shire Council, as project managers, contributed \$210,000 to the costs,” Ms Preston said.

“Not only do recreational boat and watercraft users have a new three-lane boat ramp, the project also included a new pontoon, a new car park with 163 bays for vehicles and boat trailers and 29 bays for single vehicles, as well as a new amenities block.

“This construction has delivered significant benefits including improved safety and greater accessibility to enable locals and visitors to enjoy the fabulous Hawkesbury River.”

Mayor of The Hills Shire Council, Dr Peter Gangemi said the new boat ramp would increase tourism as the region recovers from the floods.

“We are proud to have delivered this boat ramp and parking area in partnership with the NSW Government and Hornsby Shire Council,” Dr Gangemi said.

“This is an outstanding example of the two Councils and the NSW Government working together for residents and visitors to our Shires. It will be a boost to tourism for the region and will be a valuable facility for a multitude of recreational watercraft.

“It will complement private ramps located upstream from the ferry cables and will relieve pressure on other ramps located downstream.”

Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock AO said Hornsby Shire Council was delighted to join forces with the project partners to provide this much needed facility for the local community.

“We’re very excited to launch this highly-anticipated, new state-of-the-art facility at Wisemans Ferry,” Mr Ruddock said.

“We thank The Hills Shire Council and the NSW Government for their support in this important project which will provide safe and easy access to the water and an improved experience for all.”

The Boating Now program, now in its fourth round, has invested in about 330 projects since it began in 2014, providing funding to improve maritime infrastructure and facilities across NSW.