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REES GOVERNMENT FUNDS TUGGERAH LAKES PARKLANDS

Minister for Lands Tony Kelly said the Rees Government was providing \$1 million in 2009/2010 budget for new recreational facilities at Pioneer Dairy parklands at Tuggerah Lakes on the Central Coast.

“The parklands, located at Lakes and South Tacoma roads, will be enhanced with new and upgraded facilities so that the community will have a much better recreation area,” Mr Kelly said.

“This major upgrade will attract locals and tourists alike to enjoy picnics, walks and other low-impact ways of enjoying the parklands .

“The \$1 million project will create local jobs with about 22 people being employed for periods between six months and a year.

“The improvements to Pioneer Dairy parklands include:

- building of toilet and shower facilities and associated works: \$250,000
- construction of flooring, repairs to guttering and installation of a water tank: \$200,000
- building of two public amenity shelters and picnic tables costing \$115,000
- construction of two culverts: \$100,000
- resealing of vehicle access and carparking area: \$100,000
- construction of two pedestrian walking bridges: \$96,000
- upgrading of existing walking tracks: \$60,000 and
- various signs including interpretative signs: \$50,000.

“Most of the works are expected to be completed within about nine months but any works that required council development approval may take a little longer to complete.

“There will also be further protection and enhancement of the natural wildlife corridors and wetlands area with the preparation of a flood plain management strategy and flood mitigation works.

“This \$1million project is in line with the parklands’ plan of management and part of the Rees government’s State Plan to maintain and improve Crown land assets across the state through grants and loans,” Mr Kelly said.

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