



New South Wales Government

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Boost in Ballina and Lismore Showgrounds

Minister for Lands Tony Kelly today announced an investment of \$67,000 for improvements to showgrounds in the Lismore and Ballina regions.

Mr Kelly said showgrounds are so often the centre of a town's cultural and recreational activity and traditions.

"This money will go a long way to supporting the local community use these grand institutions," Mr Kelly said.

Mr Kelly said that:

- Murwillumbah Showground Trust will receive \$15,000 and a loan of \$25,000 towards the cost of upgrading two toilet blocks at the showground;
- Mullumbimby Showground Reserve Trust will receive a grant of \$7,000 and a loan of \$7,000 towards the replacement of the water pipe system at the showground;
- Bonalbo Showground Reserve Trust is offered a grant of \$6,500 and a loan of \$6,500 towards the cost of replacing guttering on buildings at the showground.'

'The Rees Government is investing around \$600,000 each year toward the improvement and development of New South Wales showgrounds, and the upgrades to Ballina and Lismore are important beneficiaries of this investment,' Mr Kelly said.

Duty MLC's Amanda Fazio and Ian West welcomed the NSW Government's investment in public infrastructure.

'The Public Reserves Management Fund, administered by the Land and Property Management Authority facilitates the improvement of Crown reserves throughout the state, supporting our community infrastructure,' Ms Fazio said.

Mr West said that funds are critical toward ongoing maintenance.



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'Under our State Plan the New South Wales Government is ensuring Crown lands showgrounds, parks and reserves are available to communities and funds are available for ongoing management, maintenance and upgrades,' Mr West said.

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