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FUNDS ON OFFER FOR CROWN RESERVES

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner has urged managers of Crown reserves, including parks, camping grounds, holiday parks, state parks and showgrounds, to apply for funding.

"July 31 is the deadline for applications under the 2012-13 round of funding available through the Public Reserves Management Fund," Mr Stoner said.

"All reserve trust boards responsible for Crown land sites in NSW are eligible.

"In the past, this money has paid for improvements at Crown land holiday parks, camping grounds, showgrounds, walking tracks, and many local parks and reserves.

"Last year, for example, the fund had a \$1 million budget for improvements at showgrounds, and payments were made to showgrounds like Maitland, Rylstone, Bonalbo, and Cobargo.

"Funding ranges from the \$2.5 million loaned for improvements to holiday parks in the Great Lakes region to the \$20,000 grant for maintenance of the Six Foot Track.

"Funding is also available for the many volunteer trust boards managing local assets, such as halls and sports facilities.

"There are around 750 volunteer trust boards in NSW and they make an invaluable contribution to their communities.

"Over the years, the fund has contributed to Men's Sheds, community arts centres, museums, and local sports facilities managed by volunteers under the reserve trust system."

Projects funded by the Public Reserves Management Fund (PRMF) include new buildings, maintenance works, conservation, and bushfire management.

"The PRMF aligns with our commitment under the *NSW 2021* plan to support local communities, who take pride in their area, to care for it best," Mr Stoner said.

Funding, in the form of grants and/or loans, is available on application. Full details, including criteria and how to apply, are available on the Crown Lands web site at: http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown_lands/crown_reserves/funding/prmf-funding