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**FUNDING BOOST FOR PORT MACQUARIE**

The NSW Government has today allocated more than $26,000 for improvements to reserves in Port Macquarie.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, has announced grants and loans for work to be carried out by two reserve trusts.

They are:

- **$17,000 for Port Macquarie Hastings Council**, as Trust manager of the Reserve for the Promotion of the Study and Preservation of Native Flora and Fauna. To prepare a plan of management which will address the conflicting needs of endangered ecological communities, local residents and public health and safety; and

- **$9,000 for Hannam Vale Recreation Reserve Trust** to replace a cricket pitch and practice pitch which are used by the surrounding rural area.

Mr Kelly said these funds are from the Public Reserves Management Fund which provides for the care and improvement of public reserves throughout the state.

“The reserves are all very popular with local residents and visitors alike.

“This is a further demonstration of the Government’s commitment to ensuring Crown parks and reserves are available for community use, with funding for ongoing management, maintenance and upgrading,” the Minister said.