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FUNDING FOR SOUTH COAST SHOWGROUNDS

Improvements will be carried out at four showgrounds on the South Coast thanks to NSW Government funding totalling $84,000.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the funding has been allocated to Pambula, Cobargo, Moruya and Kangaroo Valley Showgrounds.

“I am pleased to announce a grant of $30,000 and a loan of $30,000 has been offered to Bega Valley Shire Council which manages Pambula Showground,” the Minister said.

“The funds will help finance the creation of equestrian arenas for the Pambula Pony Club.”

Other showgrounds to receive funding include:

- $3,000 for the upgrading of gates at the rodeo yards at Moruya by trust manager Eurobodalla Shire Council;
- $5,000 for electrical repairs at Cobargo Showground by the trust manager; and
- $16,000 through a $6,000 grant and $10,000 loan to Shoalhaven City Council to finance the reconstruction of a poultry and animal nursery pavilion at Kangaroo Valley Showground.

Mr Kelly said Kangaroo Valley Showground is home to the annual Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival and also hosts the Kangaroo Valley Agricultural and Horticultural Show each year and the monthly Kangaroo Valley Village Market.

“It’s a vital local community asset,” the Minister said.

The funds for the projects have been allocated from the Public Reserves Management Fund (PRMF) which is administered by the Land and Property Management Authority.

The PRMF is used to finance upgrades and safeguard Crown land reserves, such as parks, showgrounds, walking tracks and caravan parks.