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FUNDING BOOST FOR BATHURST

The NSW Government has today allocated a total of $43,900 to upgrade recreational reserves in Bathurst.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, has announced grants and loans to four reserve trusts.

- $6,700 to Hartley Vale Mount Blaxland Reserve Trust for the stabilisation of fencing, sandstone footings, and fence work. (Hartley Vale cemetery is an historic cemetery set in a bush setting near Lithgow and contains the graves of some of the earliest settlers west of the Great Divide);

- $25,000 to Wattle Flat Heritage Lands Trust for erosion control works and the provision of a composting toilet. (This is a natural bushland reserve near Bathurst that is popular with visitors and campers);

- $7,200 to Edith Recreation Reserve Trust for urgent repairs to the toilets on the reserve and the provision of a water tank as there is no water available for drinking or fire fighting on the grounds; and

- $5,000 to Panuara Recreation Reserve Trust to upgrade a tennis court to a concrete all-weather surface. (The courts are a social gathering point for the local mining and rural community).

Member for Bathurst, Gerard Martin, welcomed the announcement.

“These funds are from the Public Reserves Management Fund which provides for the care and improvement of public reserves throughout the state,” Mr Martin said.

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

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