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Funding for North Coast flood repairs

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, says the Rees Government is providing $23,940 towards repairing flood damage on Crown land on the north coast and Gunnedah.

“The funding is by way of grants to the reserve trust boards or managers of the north coast reserves during storms in May and in Gunnedah last November,” Mr Kelly said.

“A grant of $13,947 is provided to the Tyndale Flood Refuge Reserve Trust towards repairs to the southern end of the access track and to treat erosion and remove fallen trees at both the northern and eastern ends of the reserve.

Tenterfield Showground was also damaged during the May storm and a grant of $4,500 is for repairing boundary fences and flood gates as well as repairs to the road and doorways leading into the Wool Pavilion.

“Alumy Creek Reserve Trust is to receive a grant of $857 to repair the road within the Reserve, with the funds covering hire of a bobcat and cost of gravel.

“Gunnedah Racecourse was damaged by flooding last November and a grant of $4,636 to Gunnedah Shire Council, as trust manager, is for top-dressing the track and to repair the boundary fences.

“The funds are from the Government’s Natural Disaster Relief Scheme which provides funds to alleviate the distress caused by a variety of natural disasters such as flood or fire.

“Grants are made available to trusts which do not have the financial capacity to meet the costs from their own resources, provided the facilities concerned are public assets.”

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