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$1.5 MILLION FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR STATE PARKS
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Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced funding for NSW State Parks ahead of Monday’s annual State Parks Conference in Coffs Harbour.

“I am pleased to announce a $1.5 million investment in State Parks to ensure these key tourist attractions continue to support jobs across NSW while providing the community with a beautiful outdoor environment for family fun,” Mr Kelly said.

“State Parks provide locations for activities such as picnics, BBQs, camping, swimming, water sports and bush walks, in serene and tranquil locations. Most parks also offer low-cost accommodation and are ideal for family holidays.

“The Rees Government is providing the community with access to some of the most beautiful and pristine locations in Australia, while protecting important conservation areas and endangered habitats for future generations.

“The investment includes $1.19 million for operational matters and $315,000 for plant and equipment,” Mr Kelly said.

Mr Kelly said the major funding for State Parks’ operational costs are:

- Lake Glenbawn  $123 000
- Burrinjuck Waters  $62 000
- Copeton Waters  $130 000
- Lake Keepit  $182 000
- Lake Burrendong  $131 000
- Grabine Lakeside  $170 000
- Wyangala Waters  $151 000
- Killalea  $242 000

The following allocations have been made for plant and equipment:

- Lake Glenbawn  $39 250 for a mower
- Burrinjuck Waters  $55 000 for a replacement prime mover
- Copeton Waters  $45 000 for a tip truck
- Lake Keepit  $28 000 for a replacement tip truck
- Lake Burrendong  $18 000 for a mower
- Grabine Lakeside  $55 000 for a replacement tractor
- Wyangala Waters  $54 750 for a 4WD tractor
- Killalea  $20 000 for a tip truck
“The parks are managed by community trust boards under the guidance of the Land and Property Management Authority, aiming to manage NSW Crown land sustainably for balanced economic, social and environmental outcomes,” Mr Kelly said.

Mr Kelly also announced an additional $85,250 from the Natural Disaster Relief Scheme for the Upper Orara Reserve near Coffs Harbour for the restoration of tennis courts.

“Flooding occurred on the north coast in May this year, causing significant damage to the courts,” Mr Kelly said.

“This funding will allow the trust managing the reserve to ensure the courts can continue to be used by the community.

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

“Grants are made available to Crown reserve trusts, which do not have the financial capacity to meet the expenses from their own resources,” Mr Kelly said.