



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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\$35 MILLION ROLLED OUT ACROSS THE STATE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell today announced the roll out of \$35 million across for the state for community projects under the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program.

Mr O'Farrell said the projects would support local construction and trade jobs as community infrastructure is built, refurbish or enhanced.

"I'm delighted to announce that 1424 projects will receive funding from the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government under the Community Building Partnership program," Mr O'Farrell said.

"These are important projects that make a great impact on the day to day lives of our local communities.

"In many cases the funds will go to much needed social infrastructure with sporting, youth, cultural and community clubs all benefitting from project funding.

"The projects range from the replacement of emergency exit lighting in a Scout Hall in St Marys to the upgrade of a grandstand for the Campbelltown Harlequins Rugby Club and the extension of home away accommodation for the Leukaemia Foundation in Parramatta.

"This year 2993 project proposals were received and application decisions were made in close consultation with local MP's in each electorate.

"Labor made a one off increase to this fund treating it as a pre-election slush fund. The NSW Government's \$35 million commitment is in line with Labor's pre-election commitment to this program.

"There was a high level of interest from the community with funding requests exceeding \$152 million, a significant increase over the \$118 million sought in the previous program.

"I congratulate all successful applicants and look forward to the timely completion of these projects that will provide a boost to community facilities throughout the State," Mr O'Farrell said.