

# Hunter Scout groups receive upgrade windfall

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Eight Scouts NSW units in the Hunter can now tackle upgrade projects of their respective facilities, thanks to a \$327,000 windfall.

Nelson Bay, Cooks Hill, East Maitland, Wangi Wangi, Anna Bay, 1st Lambton Waratah, Warners Bay and Tilligerry will benefit from the NSW Government's generosity.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter Taylor Martin said the funding was part of \$7.75 million being provided, under a stimulus program for ventures at Scouts halls on Crown Land.

"Scouts NSW is one of our state's largest and most popular youth organisations that helps communities build leadership skills, resilience and friendship through healthy activities for young people, so it's great to support them," he explained.

"Scouting has been operating in Australia since 1908 and this funding will help ensure a range of Scout NSW facilities are in good shape for future generations."

Upgrades to local facilities to be funded by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands include:

- \$89,000 for Nelson Bay Scouts to repaint the outside of its hall, replace external guttering, and remove an old boatshed;
- \$55,000 for Cooks Hill Scout Group to renovate its kitchen, replace its timber floor, and paint the outside of the hall;
- \$41,000 for East Maitland Scout Hall for ceiling repairs and external painting;
- \$38,000 for Wangi Wangi Scout Group to replace its guttering, external painting, and some internal painting;
- \$28,000 for Anna Bay Scout Hall to renovate its kitchen and refurbish its bathrooms including providing disabled access;
- \$28,000 for 1st Lambton Waratah Scout Hall for external painting of the building and to replace external gutters;
- \$27,000 for Warners Bay Scout Hall to upgrade its electrical infrastructure to keep it safe and functional; and
- \$21,000 for Tilligerry Scout Group to remove an old kitchen and construct a new one.

NSW Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey said communities had done it tough during COVID-19, including organisations like Scouts NSW whose activities have been disrupted.

“This funding will help Scouts NSW bounce back with improvements to facilities throughout the state,” she stated.

“Upgrade work will also support local economies with work for tradies and material suppliers.”

Scouts NSW chief commissioner Neville Tomkins OAM said the stimulus funding would improve facilities and help them attract more members.

“We are delighted with the NSW Government support that will assist an enormous number of communities by upgrading our facilities and enhancing the amenity of buildings and campsites,” he added.

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