



# The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vacluse



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## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR \$14M CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND

Crown land managers and community groups that use Crown land in the Vacluse Electorate can apply for a share of \$14 million in grants to upgrade and maintain community facilities and reserves.

Member for Vacluse, Gabrielle Upton said applications for the NSW Government's Crown Reserves Improvement Fund are open until 10 July 2020.

Ms Upton said, "This funding provides the community with a chance to nominate local public reserves for an upgrade or maintenance work, supporting improvements to community, recreational and tourism facilities while also supporting local businesses and economies.

"The fund is also available for facilities on Crown land used by key community organisations such as surf life saving clubs, public halls, amenity blocks, scouts and girl guide groups and the NSW State Emergency Service."

Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey said, "Residents need quality natural spaces to relax and rejuvenate and the fund maintains and improves public reserves that provide green open recreational space and help protect our environmental diversity."

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes said, "This year's funding will prioritise restoring and strengthening the resilience of public facilities and Crown reserves that have suffered through bushfires, drought and restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We also want to make it easier for the community to walk and cycle with new tracks and trails across and between reserves and open spaces."

Grant applications are now open to Crown reserve managers, community groups who use Crown land, and freehold showgrounds for projects that can deliver social, cultural, environmental or economic benefits to their local communities.

Last year the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund supported 345 projects across NSW, including new recreational infrastructure and improvements to nature reserves.

For further information and to apply please visit  
<https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/funding/crif>

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