



# Greg Piper MP

## Member for Lake Macquarie



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#### Community Building Partnership Brings \$400,000 to Lake Macquarie

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, today encouraged local community groups to apply for new funding announced in the NSW Budget.

According to Mr Piper, the NSW Government has made \$400,000 available to the Lake Macquarie electorate under the \$35 million NSW Community Building Partnership. Funding will be open to community groups, not-for-profit organisations, non-government organisations and local councils. Mr Piper said the partnership will be run by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and, as local MP, he will help decide what projects are given priority.

“This partnership will help build important local projects,” said Mr Piper. “It will stimulate to the local economy and support local jobs.”

“This program is a direct investment in building the future of the local community and it will deliver projects the community want.”

“For instance, a community group which has started raising funds for any new facilities, or for repairs, would be able to apply for funding to finish the project,” Mr Piper said.

Projects eligible for funding could include:

- Upgrades to community halls, playgroup centres and senior citizens centres
- Charity facilities, art spaces and playgrounds
- Local environment initiatives like community gardens, cycleways and walkways
- Boat ramps, skate parks and foot bridges
- Community barbecue facilities, dog parks and swimming pools.

“I encourage groups to lodge applications for projects they believe will make a difference to their communities.”

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal said the partnership invests in local jobs, stimulating local economies and delivering projects that communities want.

“This partnership will create job opportunities for local tradespeople in these tough economic times and will quickly deliver improved local facilities for communities,” Mr Roozendaal said.

“Application forms will be available from my office and online at [www.gregpiper1.com](http://www.gregpiper1.com). Submissions open on June 22 and close August 10.”

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