

Berrima scout camp to receive funding boost

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The Berrima Scout Camp is set to receive a financial boost, with \$34,000 set aside for a much needed upgrade.

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Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman said the funding was part of \$7.75 million provided by the Government's COVID-19 stimulus program, to fund projects at Scouts facilities 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," she said.

"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.

"The \$34,000 will be provided to Berrima Scout Camp to install security fencing and a gate to keep the facility safe and secure."

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

"This funding will help Scouts NSW bounce back with improvements to facilities throughout the State, many of which are also used by other community organisations," she said.

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

Scouts NSW Chief Commissioner Neville Tomkins OAM welcomed the announcement.

"We are delighted with the NSW Government support that will assist an enormous number of communities," he said.

"There are many Scout roofs that need repair, kitchen and toilet blocks that require upgrading, and facilities and campsites that we want to make more accessible including for those in wheelchairs, so this funding is vital."

Strengthening and supporting community connections is one of the key priorities of the newly launched Crown Land State Strategic Plan.

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