



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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SURFS UP FOR CLUBS AS APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, has invited NSW Surf Life Saving Clubs to apply for funding under the \$2 million *2011-12 Surf Club Facility Grants Program*.

Mr Annesley said funding under the *Program* will assist in significantly upgrading Surf Club facilities up and down the NSW's coastline.

"Developing and enhancing surf lifesaving clubs amenities plays an important role in ensuring safety, usage and participation in surf lifesaving," Mr Annesley said.

"Some 67,000 volunteer surf life savers protected more than 7 million beachgoers in NSW last season.

"In addition the Clubs provide beach rescue services, surf sport carnivals and a wide range of community activities which very importantly include education initiatives," Mr Annesley said.

Mr Annesley confirmed the NSW Government will invest \$6 million in the *Surf Club Facility Grants Program* over the next three years.

"The maximum amount provided under the annual Surf Club Facility Grants Program is \$350,000 per application, with the minimum amount being \$5,000.

"I urge all Surf Lifesaving Clubs to put their best projects forward for funding."

"The NSW Government is totally committed to supporting our surf life savers and the Clubs they proudly represent," Mr Annesley said.

Applications close at 5pm on Thursday 27 October 2011.