

Crown reserve management news Crown land managers

Department of Planning and Environment



Public art sculpture at Oura Beach Reserve Photo: Wagga Wagga City Council



Message from the Group Deputy Secretary

I am pleased to announce the first Action Plan for *Crown land 2031* has been published and is available on our [website](#). This is the first of 3 Action Plans for the implementation of our 10-year [Crown land 2031](#) State Strategic Plan.

This Action Plan will lay foundations over the next 3 years to reform how we manage and use Crown land, to make it more accessible and empower communities, Aboriginal people, commercial enterprise and businesses.

We've heard how much people value Crown land and want to see it used to deliver public value and benefits to all communities across NSW. Our stakeholders have also said that

the department needs to work differently, to deliver a contemporary service.

Our aim is to implement a fit-for-purpose service that will see Crown Lands work to build stronger communities, drive economic progress, jobs and investment in regional areas, deliver outcomes for Aboriginal people, respond to housing supply stress and protect our natural environment and cultural heritage.

**Melanie Hawyes, Deputy Secretary,
Crown Lands and Local Government**

Crown land 2031 – First Action Plan



Kiama Farmer's Market Photo: Destination NSW

The recently published *Crown land 2031* Action Plan is the first in a series of action plans to fully implement NSW's State Strategic Plan for Crown land. Some of the key initiatives of this action plan include:

- identifying Crown land that supports social and affordable housing in regional areas
- modernising Crown land leasing to support economic and community benefits
- working with Aboriginal communities to make it easier for Aboriginal people to own, manage, access and work on Crown land
- better asset management including developing a climate change adaptation plan to help protect environmentally sensitive land
- transforming Crown land systems to best manage land and provide public access to online information, data and spatial maps
- improved customer service to make it easy to do business with Crown Lands.

[Crown land 2031 – First Action Plan \(PDF 2.2MB\)](#)

Apply now for \$17 million reserves funding



Applications are now open for the 2022-23 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) Program. Crown land managers (CLMs), reserve user groups as well as all showgrounds are encouraged to apply for funding.

The CRIF program supports Crown land managers and users by providing funding for upgrades, repair and maintenance projects, pest and weed control, new recreational infrastructure or environmental initiatives.

Applications close 5 pm, 3 June 2022. [Find out more and apply.](#)

Funding map to track Crown Land grants



A new interactive mapping tool showcasing recent projects funded by Crown Lands is now available on the [Reserve Manager website](#). The map lists name of grant recipients, funding amount, project status and more. The new tool increases the visibility of grant programs delivered by Crown Lands.

Funding now available for regional community events



Mudgee Food + Wine Festival Photo: Destination NSW

A new \$25 million Community Events Program is part of the NSW Government's \$200 million Regional Recovery Package, designed to support economic and social recovery across regional NSW that will create new jobs and support community events, shows and festivals to boost tourism.

'The past 2 years have been difficult, with many unpredictable events including floods, drought, bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic, but we know NSW residents will come out the other side stronger than ever,' Mr Toole said.

'People have been disconnected from family and friends but now they're getting out and about again, and we want to see communities thriving and businesses buzzing with more local activities, events and opportunities in the regions. This funding will help regional councils stage shows, festivals, picnics and recovery events that will reinvigorate communities, while also supporting local job creation and injecting cash into local economies.'

Applications opened Thursday 7 April 2022 for events held over the next 12 months. For further information, including eligibility criteria and program guidelines, go to www.nsw.gov.au/communityevents

Councils adopt over 100 Plans of Management



Martin Place, Sydney CBD Photo: Destination NSW

City of Sydney, Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC), Griffith City Council and Kyogle Council are just some of the Council Crown Land Managers (CLMs) who recently submitted adopted Plans of Management (PoM).

[City of Sydney](#) completed 16 site specific PoM for high profile Crown land such as Martin Place (pictured), Cook & Phillip Park, Observatory Hill and Wentworth Park. City of Sydney manage 50 Crown reserves. [Blue Mountains City Council](#) (BMCC) completed and adopted 7 site specific PoM including for Katoomba Showground, Warrimoo and Blaxland Ovals. BMCC manage 143 Crown reserves. Griffith City Council and Kyogle Council adopted 6 and 7 PoM respectively for reserves they manage. [Griffith City Council](#) oversee management of 93 Crown reserves and [Kyogle Council](#) manage 18 Crown reserves.

Inverell showground's funding boost pays off



Recent rodeo event, Inverell Showground Photo: [Steph Ann Photography](#)

Many Crown land managers (CLMs) have experience in applying for funding grants as part of their role managing reserves. Applying for funding in a highly competitive environment, when there are limited funds available, can be a challenging undertaking. But when it's done right, the benefits can be enormous.

The Inverell Showground Crown land manager (showground manager) have had great success in improving the approximately 15ha reserve in their care. They have been proactive in navigating their way through a series of obstacles and setbacks.

Over the past 2 years, the showground manager (still known by some around town as the "Trust") have attracted nearly \$1.8 million from multiple government funding programs. And this is a key point about their success; taking time to find a range of sources for funding, not just relying on one source. [Find out more](#)

Opportunities for councils to invest in renewable energy infrastructure on Crown land

Regional councils have an opportunity to investigate implementing renewable energy infrastructure on Crown land they manage, through the Renewable Energy Infrastructure Investment (REII) program. This program is part of the NSW Government's [Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030](#) and the [NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap](#).

There are many potential benefits for councils to consider the REII program for renewable energy developments on Crown reserves they manage, including rent from renewable energy developers, potential to purchase renewable energy and Large-Scale Generation Certificates (LGC) while also maximising the productivity of land assets. The program will also promote jobs growth and skills development in regional NSW.

If councils are considering opportunities on Crown reserves and would like advice, please email the Council Crown Land Management team at council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

To find out more about the program, contact annie.ngo@environment.nsw.gov.au at the Net Zero and Sustainable Government team at the Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury by 3 June 2022.

Digital Skills Accelerator for Tourism program



The NSW Government is launching a Digital Skills Accelerator for Tourism program to help NSW tourism businesses transform their online marketing. The free program is offered to accommodation providers, tour companies and visitor attractions and will provide customised digital health checks to ensure businesses optimise their websites, improve their online listings and grow their Facebook and Instagram channels.

In addition to a customised digital health check report, successful applicants will also receive 2, one-hour consultation sessions with a digital advisor and access to a course library to help improve their knowledge and digital skills. The program complements Destination NSW's NSW First Program content, which includes 'how to' guides, resources and on-demand webinars for tourism businesses.

To review eligibility criteria and apply for the Digital Skills Accelerator for Tourism program, visit: www.tourismtribe.com/programs/dnsw2022/.

Focus on behavioural conduct



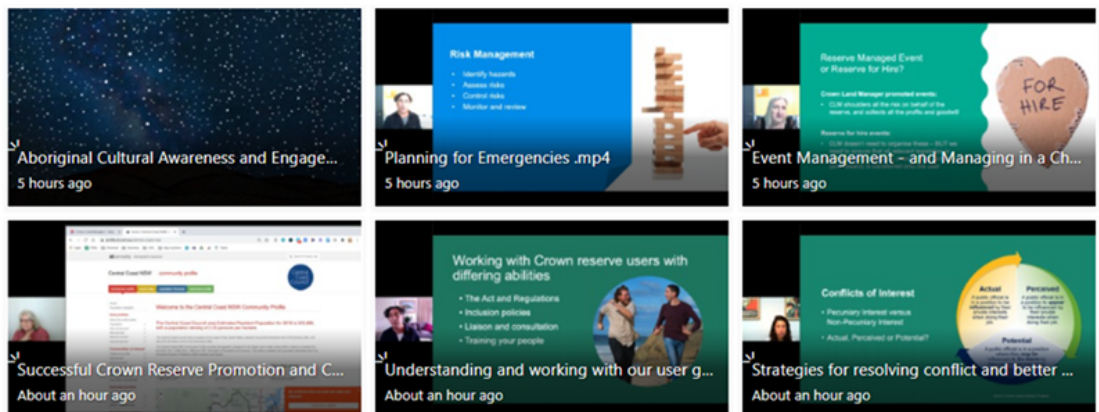
The *Crown reserves code of conduct* (the code) outlines the standard of behaviours expected of people contributing to the Crown reserve management. The code details standards such as mutual respect, managing conflicts of interest, acting with integrity and zero tolerance for harassment. Land managers must adhere to the code. View the code on the [Reserve Manager website](#).

Support for resolving conflict

Conflict that arises within community boards, between reserve user groups or with volunteers can be confronting and difficult to resolve. Land managers are encouraged to refer to the following resources for help:

- [Contact us](#) – Crown Lands staff can assist to support land managers to address conflict and identify alternate mediation resources.
- Voluntas – The Centre for Volunteering’s Voluntas program provides free mediation services for volunteers. Visit the [Centre Volunteering website](#) for details or download the [information factsheet](#) (PDF 189kb).
- Our Community, a specialist for not-for-profit organisations, provides [guidance materials](#) for dealing with difficult board members.

Training webinars now available



Crown land managers can now access a library of webinars to support their roles in managing reserves. The webinar recordings cover topics such as finance basics, Aboriginal cultural awareness, conflict resolution, funding and more.

[Access to the webinars](#) is restricted to appointed Crown land managers who have supplied their email address to Crown Lands. [View our guide](#) on how to access the webinars.

If you are not an appointed Crown land manager and would like to access the webinar resources, please [submit a request](#)

Training programs

Governance Development Program training

Register for upcoming webinars and online workshops:

Future Challenges for CLMs

- 30 May, 3 - 5 pm (interactive online workshop)
- 3 June, 10 am - noon (interactive online workshop)

Negotiating Leases and Licences

- 15 June, 3 - 4 pm (webinar)
- 20 June, 10 am - noon (interactive online workshop)
- 23 June, 2:30 - 4:40 pm (interactive online workshop)

[Register now](#)

Native title manager training for council CLMs

Native title manager training is scheduled for July with dates yet to be confirmed.

Face to face training will take place in Sydney. Councils should email council.clm@crowmland.nsw.gov.au to be placed on the priority list for this training.

New resources on Native title are available on the Council Crown Land Manager [webpage](#) including a [Quick Reference Guide](#) and [videos](#) on a new training portal.

Share your stories

Sharing stories is a great way to learn from each other and acknowledge CLMs work in managing Crown reserves for the benefit of communities. If you would like to contribute a story, please email us at reserves@crowmland.nsw.gov.au.

Contact

Council Crown land managers: council.clm@crowmland.nsw.gov.au

Non-council Crown land managers: reserves@crowmland.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 1300 886 235

www.reservemanager.crowmland.nsw.gov.au



Department of Planning and Environment, 4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta, NSW
2150, Australia

[Unsubscribe](#) [Manage preferences](#)