



## Crown reserve management news



Dear NSW Crown land manager

Thank you for your ongoing contribution in managing NSW Crown reserves.

In this update we provide details on:

- upcoming governance training webinars
- funding allocations for the recently announced Crown Reserves Improvement Fund program
- extension to exhibition period for the Crown Land Commissioner's review of the [Crown Land Management Act 2016](#)
- new signage and notice resources
- other grant program funding opportunities, and
- Crown reserve award finalists and winners.

**Last chance to tune in to selected training webinars**



Crown land managers and other users of Crown reserves are encouraged to sign up to popular training webinars that will soon be discontinued. Register for the final webinars for the following topics:

**22 March 2021, 1pm (1 hour)**

Successful Crown reserve promotion & communication

**25 March 2021, 4pm (1 hour)**

Planning for emergencies

**15 April 2021, 1pm (1hour)**

Successful negotiation

**29 April 2021, 4pm (1 hour)**

Managing risks on a Crown reserve

**11 May 2021, 10am (1 hour)**

Aboriginal cultural awareness & engagement

Additionally, a new schedule of training webinars has now been confirmed for 2021. The following webinar topics will be held across a range of dates throughout the year. Topics include:

- Reporting (back by popular demand)
- Business Planning
- Unlocking the potential of your Crown reserve
- Managing volunteers & employees
- Creating your funding framework
- Understanding Aboriginal Land Rights & Native Title
- Aboriginal Land care practices
- Take steps to waste less & save more.

Register now for a webinar

Are you unable to tune in to a session? Continue to register, and you'll be sent a recording of the webinar after it has ended.

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## Record funding for annual reserves grants program

A record \$51 million will support more than 700 Crown reserves projects as part of the FY2020-21 [Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program](#). This grant round has included a \$40 million boost as part of the NSW Government's response to the economic impacts of COVID-19. A range of projects will be supported contributing to the cultural, sporting and recreational life of hundreds of communities across NSW.

The following diagram provides a breakdown of the funding allocations:



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## Public exhibition period extended for review of *Crown Land Management Act 2016*

A message from Crown Land Commissioner, Richard Bush:

I wish to advise the exhibition period for the Discussion Paper on the Review of the [Crown Land Management Act 2016](#) has been extended to **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

You can read the [Discussion Paper](#) and provide your feedback via the [Have Your Say](#) form on our website.

If you have any queries, you are welcome to contact the Office of the Crown Land Commissioner at [commissioner@crowmland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:commissioner@crowmland.nsw.gov.au).

I look forward to hearing your feedback and ideas over the coming weeks!

Richard Bush

## New funding opportunities



Credit: Destination NSW

### Indigenous Tourism Fund

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tourism business owners can apply for grants and access mentoring to help start up, diversify or grow their business, under the \$40 million Indigenous Tourism Fund. Applications close Monday 22 March 2021.

### NSW Environmental Trust Protecting Our Places Grants Program

The NSW Environmental Trust is inviting applications to apply for grants of up to \$80,000 in the Protecting Our Places grant program. Funding is available to Aboriginal community groups and organisations throughout NSW for projects that encourage and empower Aboriginal communities to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways that are of importance to local Aboriginal communities. Applications close Monday 22 March 2021.

### 2021 NAIDOC Grants

NAIDOC Grant funding is provided by Aboriginal Affairs NSW to support activities and events in NSW held during **NAIDOC Week (4 – 11 July 2021)** that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.

The theme for this year is *Heal Country* and what better way to celebrate than to host a community event on a Crown reserve. There is also an opportunity to apply for some funding. Applications close Friday 23 April 2021.

### Regional Events Acceleration Fund

To support the social and economic recovery of our regions, the NSW Government's \$20 million Regional Events Acceleration Fund will help organisations attract new major international and domestic events to regional areas, and support existing

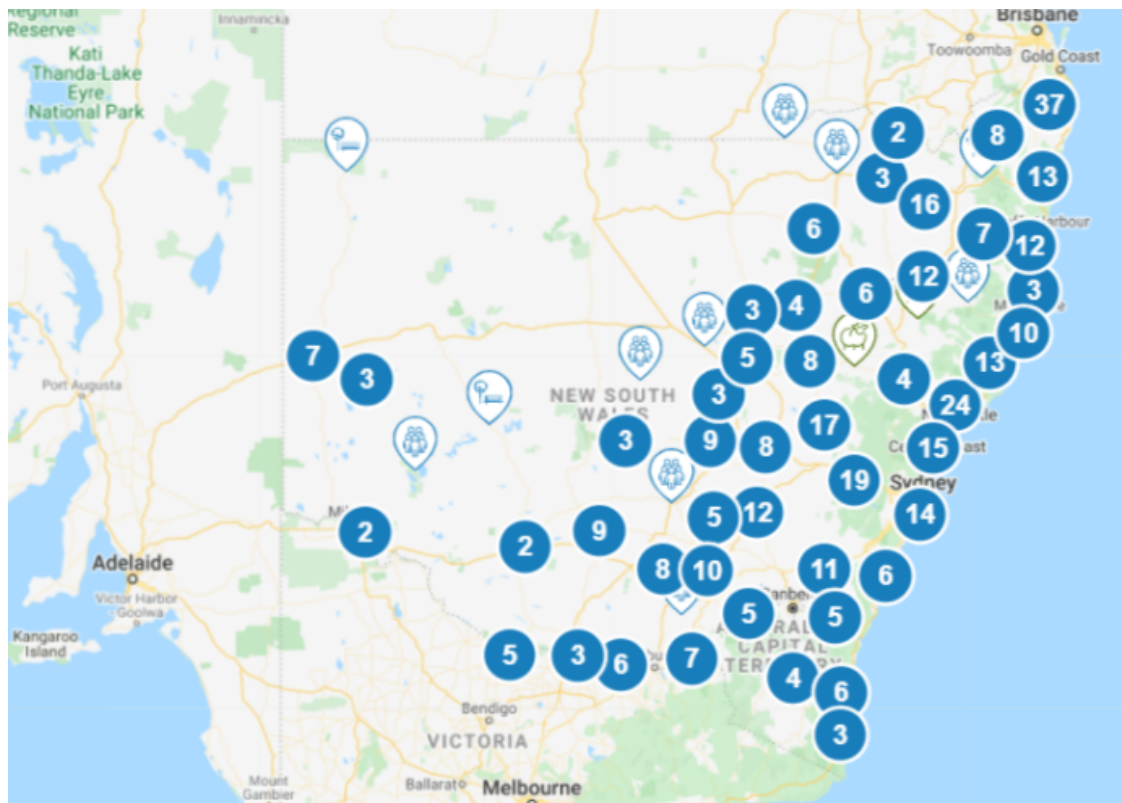
regional events. Applications close on Friday 17 December 2021, or when funding is fully committed.

## Signage and notice templates now available



Guidance on developing signage and notices on Crown reserves is now available on Reserve Manager website. Crown Lands also has pre-designed signage and notice templates, available to adapt on request. [Find out more](#)

## Is your Crown reserve listed in the directory?



Last year Crown Lands launched the Crown reserve directory on the Reserve Manager website. The directory provides public information on reserves such as

facilities available, images and contact information. More than 400 Crown reserves are already listed in the directory.

Non council Crown land managers and Common Trusts are encouraged to submit details of their reserves to be included in the directory. New reserve listings and updates to current listings can be made via the Reserve Manager Portal.

## Congratulations to reserve manager award winners and finalists



Managers of eight reserves across NSW have been recognised at Regional Achievement and Community Awards, announced late last year. The award winners and finalists include:

### **Individual Excellence in Crown Land Management Award**

- Barry Cumpstay of Lillian Rock
- Neil Rose of Norah Head
- William West of Bribbaree
- Kim MaCDonald of Bobin Hall (Winner)

### **Crown Land Manager Excellence Award**

- Bobin School of Arts
- Glen Innes & District Historical Society Inc
- Hunter Multicultural Communities Inc., Waratah
- Cobargo Showground (Winner)

Find out more about the winners and finalists

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