



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**The Hon. Kristina Keneally MP**  
Member for Heffron  
Minister for Planning  
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**FUNDING TO PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO SYDNEY HARBOUR**

The NSW Government will allocate nearly \$1.3 million in funding this year to upgrade public access and recreational areas of Greater Sydney Harbour.

Minister for Planning, Kristina Keneally, today said that 19 grants have been allocated to local councils and recreational clubs as part of the 2008 Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program (SSHAP).

“Sydney Harbour is a world famous landmark and this funding will provide infrastructure and improvements that will increase access to this wonderful location,” Ms Keneally said.

“I hope these projects encourage more people to get out and enjoy what the Harbour has to offer.”

**Ms Keneally said infrastructure to be funded this year includes more than four kilometres of new or upgraded walking tracks and cycleways and new recreational boat launches.**

Ms Keneally said the SSHAP has been successful in boosting public access to Sydney’s world famous harbour.

**“Including this year’s funding, the NSW Government has provided over \$8 million for 138 lands and water based projects since 2003,” Ms Keneally said.**

President of the Local Government Association and North Sydney Mayor Cr Genia McCaffrey said the Access Program is great news for local communities.

“New cycleways, additional picnic shelters and walking track upgrades will promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage more people to spend time outdoors on our beautiful harbour,” Cr McCaffrey said.

“The SSHAP is yet another example of state and local government working together for the benefit of NSW communities and I look forward to seeing our residents enjoy these fantastic new facilities.”

Ms Keneally said the program is jointly funded by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, the Department of Planning and NSW Maritime.

“We had a fantastic response from local councils and community groups with 34 applications for grants received in 2008. An independent assessment panel reviewed each of these applications before they were considered by the SSHAP Grants Committee,” Ms Keneally said.

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**SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS RECEIVING FUNDING THIS YEAR**

- \$200,000 to Parramatta City Council for the construction of a shared pedestrian/cycle pathway between the Parramatta Ferry Wharf and the Gasworks Bridge, Macarthur Street along the southern foreshore of the Parramatta River.
- \$156,572 to the Department of Environment and Climate Change (NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service) for access improvements along the Hermitage Foreshore Walking Track and the reconstruction of the recently collapsed timber wharf in Sydney Harbour National Park.
- \$131,500 to Strathfield Council for the construction of a cycleway through the Powell's Creek open space corridor between Parramatta Road and Pomeroy Street at Homebush. The cycleway forms part of the Powell's Creek Corridor linking Strathfield to Sydney Olympic Park.
- \$105,100 to Mosman Rowing Club for the construction and installation of a new floating pontoon at the Spit West Reserve at Pearl Bay, Mosman. The pontoon will provide access for a number of boat users, including people with disabilities.
- \$94,500 to the City of Ryde Council for the construction of an off road cycleway along the eastern side of Delange Road between Waterview Street and Pellisier Road. This will form part of the regional cycle route along the Parramatta River foreshore.
- \$85,405 to Mosman Council for Clifton Gardens Jetty Rehabilitation Project including the replacement of timber and fender piles, safety rails and other miscellaneous works.
- \$80,250 to Auburn Council for Silverwater Park Foreshore Upgrade including construction of a concourse along the foreshore, additional picnic shelters, barbeques, mature tree planting, bike racks and furniture.
- \$72,100 to Lane Cove and North Sydney Councils for the Gore Cove Bushland Rehabilitation and Walking Track Upgrade
- \$69,840 to Woollahra Council to provide foreshore access and a new walkway at Lyne Park
- \$62,000 to North Sydney Council for Folly Point to provide better access, to the intertidal zone and to protect the impact of the existing access on Aboriginal middens
- \$61,112 to North Sydney Council upgrade of tracks within the Balls Head Reserve to ensure safety and improved accessibility within the popular bushland reserve.

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