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EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR FOR POTTSVILLE

Minister for Racing Paul Toole joined Member for Tweed Geoff Provest today to announce \$47,000 for an emergency power generator at Pottsville Beach Sports Club.

Mr Provest said the project will ensure the club has access to power during emergencies when it is used as an evacuation centre.

"I welcome the NSW Government's funding for this much-needed project that will assist local residents during emergencies such as storms and floods," Mr Provest said.

"A back-up generator is essential when people need medical attention, food and shelter. It will particularly benefit those most in need of care, including infants and the elderly."

Mr Toole said the project is one of 26 across NSW funded from the latest round of the Clubgrants category 3 infrastructure program.

"More than \$50 million in Clubgrants infrastructure funding is being provided in the current term of government for projects across emergency preparedness, sport and recreation, and arts and culture," Mr Toole said.

The grants are funded through a rebate on the state's registered clubs' gaming machines to reinvest profits back into community projects.

Mr Toole said the NSW Government is pleased to fund modern and safe facilities to protect communities during emergencies.

"We improved the program in 2017 by giving community organisations more chances to apply for a wider range of projects," Mr Toole said.

"New funding ranges are encouraging more diverse projects, and a streamlined application process is cutting red tape and allowing for faster assessment."

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