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\$33,000 FOR PORT MACQUARIE MARINE RESCUE

Minister for Racing Paul Toole joined Member for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams today to announce a \$33,000 grant for Port Macquarie Marine Rescue.

Ms Williams said the funding will be used to replace the main roller shutter door at the service's boatshed that houses the PM30 high-powered sea-going vessel for rescues at sea.

"There will also be new slipway rails for the secondary emergency vessel PM20 that carries out rescues in the Hastings River and local beaches in coordination with local surf life-saving clubs," Ms Williams said.

"The grant will also provide additional first aid training equipment to boost volunteers' capacity to carry out rescues.

"This important project will support the wonderful efforts of volunteers who give up so much of their time to protect and save lives in local waterways."

Mr Toole said the projects are among 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 sport and recreation, emergency preparedness and arts and culture," Mr Toole said.

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

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