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### MEDIA RELEASE

# Roozendaal welcomes Nationals support for \$35m Budget community grants initiative

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal today welcomed the support of the leader of the NSW Nationals for the NSW Government's \$35 million NSW Community Building Partnership initiative, announced in the NSW Budget.

Community groups across NSW will be eligible to apply for funding for local projects, supporting jobs, stimulating growth and improving community facilities.

"The NSW Community Building Partnership will invest \$300,000 into building local community projects in each of the 93 NSW electoral districts – with a further \$100,000 available to be invested in districts with higher unemployment.

"Under the partnership, the NSW Government will contribute to the cost of building important community projects, supporting jobs and stimulating local economies," Mr Roozendaal said.

Mr Roozendaal today welcomed the support of Nationals Leader Andrew Stoner:

#### **Stoner Welcomes Budget Announcement of \$400,000 for Community Building Projects**

*- Andrew Stoner media release, June 18, 2009*

Mr Roozendaal said the NSW Government is investing directly into local communities across the state.

"This partnership will support job opportunities for local tradespeople in these tough economic times and will quickly deliver improved local facilities for communities."

Examples of local projects eligible for funding include upgrades to community halls, playgroup centres and senior citizens centres, charity facilities, art spaces and playgrounds, local environment initiatives like community gardens, cycleways and walkways and improvements to sporting fields like lighting, drainage and fencing.

The partnership is open to community groups, not-for-profit organisations, non-government organisations and local councils. Councils will be required to make a co-contribution.

The partnership encourages groups to contribute in cash or in kind to get local projects built faster.

Mr Roozendaal said the partnership will be managed by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and all local MPs will have input into the priority of the projects.

Application forms are available from all NSW Members of Parliament and can also be downloaded online at [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

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