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MEDIA RELEASE

**MARRICKVILLE GETS EXTRA \$300,000 FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS UNDER
2010 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP**

Member for Marrickville Carmel Tebbutt today encouraged community groups to apply for funding for local projects under the Keneally Government's new \$35 million NSW Community Building Partnership.

Community groups in Marrickville are eligible for a share in \$300,000 to help fund local projects.

Ms Tebbutt said the partnership was extended for another year due to its popularity and the overwhelming number of applications received last year.

"Last year, 13 community groups were successful in securing funding to help them refurbish and upgrade their facilities.

"The partnership is an excellent way for the Government to work in partnership with community organisations to build and improve local infrastructure.

"Community organisations provide much needed services and enrich the collective quality of life – this funding will benefit local residents who use these services and facilities."

In 2009, organisations as diverse as the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, the Greek Atlas League and the Petersham Bowling Club received funding to contribute to the cost of building important community projects.

"This program is open to all community groups, not-for-profit organisations, non government organisations and local councils," Ms Tebbutt said.

Local projects which could be eligible for funding include:

- Upgrades to community halls, playgroup centres and senior citizens centres
- Local environment initiatives like community gardens, cycleways and walkways
- Community barbecue facilities, dog parks and swimming pools
- Boat ramps, skate parks and foot bridges
- Charity facilities, art spaces and playgrounds.

As the local MP, Ms Tebbutt will look at the community's interests and needs to help decide what projects are prioritised for funding.

"I encourage all community groups to lodge an application for project funding," Ms Tebbutt said.

Applications are available from all NSW members of Parliament and can also be accessed through www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions have opened and close July 23.