

NSW Community Building Partnership program

In the 2009/10 State Budget, the NSW Government announced a **\$35 million 'Community Building Partnership' program** to support local jobs, stimulate growth and improve community facilities.

Community groups and local councils across NSW were invited to submit applications for funding that will help support local infrastructure and jobs.

The **NSW Community Building Partnership** program will invest **\$300,000** into building local community projects in every electoral district with an additional \$100,000 to be invested in electoral districts with higher unemployment.

There are 2 rowing clubs within the Balmain electorate with applications pending under this program, Balmain and Glebe Rowing Clubs. A summary of their proposals can be seen below. If you live within the Balmain electorate, you can support your local rowing clubs by voting for these proposals. All you need to do is to go to <http://communitypartnerships.verityfirth.com/> and register your details to vote.

NSWRA strongly supports both proposals and encourages all eligible people to vote and support these clubs.



BALMAIN ROWING CLUB

The Balmain Rowing Club is 127 years old and requires urgent restoration to remain safe and effective. It is one of the few local sporting clubs that does not have a liquor licence or poker machines, and is therefore highly suitable for young people to get involved with. It also supports rowers with a disability.

The grant would allow the Club to undertake restoration and facilities upgrade of the Club, including to raise and restore the rowing shed (one of only two remaining on Sydney Harbour), and to provide clearance from inundation. Upgrading the facility would provide better boat storage for the club as well as water access and club amenities (including toilets, change rooms and a gymnasium).



GLEBE ROWING CLUB

Glebe Rowing Club's project would allow for the construction of a deck, ramp, walkway bridge and pontoon structure to facilitate access to the water at the eastern end of Blackwattle Bay in Glebe. This would allow school and club rowers and other recreational water users to access the harbour safely and easily.

The area is home to many recreational harbour users – rowers, dragon boaters and kayakers – and all would benefit from this upgrade. The Glebe Rowing Club also facilitates local students to access recreational and competitive rowing on Sydney Harbour. It is adjacent to Sydney Secondary College – Blackwattle Bay and enjoys a good relationship with the school.