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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR 2010 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

The NSW Government has extended the closing date for applications under the \$35 million 2010 **Community Building Partnership** program for two weeks to Friday 6 August 2010.

The *Community Building Partnership* program provides funding of \$300,000 in every electoral district in NSW for community groups and local councils to build or upgrade local facilities.

An additional \$100,000 is available for electorates with relatively higher unemployment.

Last year, *Community Building Partnerships* proved to be an overwhelming success – with over 2,300 applications and 1,180 approved grants to provide vital community infrastructure.

Acting Premier Carmel Tebbutt today encouraged organisations and local councils to take advantage of the extended deadline and apply for funding to build and improve community facilities in their local area.

“The *Community Building Partnership* program provides practical help for local communities and families,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“Modest amounts of funding can make all the difference to a local community group, whether it be expanding a local Men’s Shed, upgrading a local park or providing new sporting equipment.

“This is the **first time in Australia** that local residents have been able to play such an interactive role in deciding which projects should share in funding allocated to their electorate.

“Due to the high demand from organisations seeking funding under the popular *Community Building Partnership* program, the closing date for applications will be extended to Friday 6 August 2010.”

“I have seen the joy and optimism that this program has brought to people in my community and the works that are underway in my electorate are truly fantastic.

“This partnership is a big stimulus to the local economy and allows us to get on with building important local projects which support local jobs.

“Organisations are strongly encouraged to register online as soon as possible and complete their application by Friday 6 August 2010.”

Applications can only be made online and organisations are encouraged to visit the Government’s website – www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au – to check their eligibility and register.

Information is also available from your local State Member of Parliament, email cbp2010@dpc.nsw.gov.au or the Government’s Client Service Centre on 1300 707 155.