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\$295,780 for pontoon at Tunks Park

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A brand new floating pontoon will be built at Tunks Park boat ramp in North Sydney thanks to a \$295,780 NSW Government grant, Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi said today.

Mr Tripodi said North Sydney Council was successful in the latest round of grants from the NSW Maritime's Better Boating Program.

"This grant is one of 52 given by the Rees Government to encourage the construction and upgrade of boating facilities across the State," Mr Tripodi said.

"The Better Boating Program makes funds available to local councils to allow for improvements to boat ramp facilities for the community.

"1.31 million has been approved for six projects in Sydney Harbour including construction of replacement pontoons, improved car/ trailer bays, and the widening of a boat ramp."

Better Boating Grant funding can be used for eligible works at boat ramps including car/ trailer parking, wash-down areas, pontoon access and landscaping.

Willoughby Duty MLC Penny Sharpe said the new facilities would be an asset for the community.

"The Tunks Park pontoon will replace the existing facility which is not in great condition, improving the launching capabilities of boat ramp users as well as improving safety for users of the pontoon," Ms Sharpe said.

Mr Tripodi said the Better Boating program is part of a wider commitment by NSW Maritime to fund new and improved boating facilities state-wide.

From July 2009, these grants will receive a funding boost under the recently announced 5-year \$25 million Better Boating Program, which consolidates NSW Maritime's grant programs.

Since 1998 the State Government has provided over \$19 million in grants supporting more than 400 recreational boating projects.

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