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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BOOST FOR RSPCA NSW SHELTERS

RSPCA shelters across the State are set to receive \$10.5 million in upgrades thanks to a much needed capital injection from the NSW Government.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock joined RSPCA NSW CEO Steve Coleman, Member for East Hills Wendy Lindsay and Member for Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons to announce the funding boost to improve facilities and conditions for animals, staff and volunteers.

“Everyone knows the RSPCA does a great job caring for thousands of animals every year, which is why I am so proud that this funding will ensure the organisation can renew and expand their facilities around the State,” Mrs Hancock said.

“The enhanced facilities will no doubt help the RSPCA carry out its important work, particularly its invaluable pet adoption services, community assistance programs and animal rescue services.”

Works include a dog playground and COVID-safe outdoor public waiting area at Sydney, veterinary hospital upgrades at Broken Hill and the Hunter, a new cattery at Illawarra and cattery upgrades at Coffs Harbour and Orange.

The funding will also bolster the investment RSPCA NSW has made into bushfire emergency response infrastructure, including an emergency response centre at Sydney and a purpose-built wildlife and companion animal facility at Katoomba.

“For RSPCA NSW the upgrades will help us to help every animal that comes through our doors for decades to come,” RSPCA CEO Steve Coleman said.

“Our facilities not only provide shelter and vet treatment for animals, they will help us to continue to support, educate and help communities across NSW in responsible pet ownership and animal welfare.”

Ms Lindsay said the works at Yagoona as well as in regional NSW will be a welcome shot in the arm for local contractors and builders.

“Projects like this not only boost the local economy, but once complete will ensure our beloved furry friends are cared for before finding their fur-ever home,” Ms Lindsay said.

Ms Gibbons said the funding boost highlights the Government’s ongoing commitment to supporting animal shelters across the State.

“In the last year alone we’ve committed close to \$6 million from the Companion Animals Fund to our 128 local councils, with more than \$30 million provided in the past five years.”

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Site	Funding
Sydney (Yagoona)	\$3.855 million
Hunter	\$1.170 million
Central Coast	\$720,000
Broken Hill	\$1.775 million
Illawarra	\$420,000
Lithgow	\$105,000
Blue Mountains	\$1.340 million
Coffs Harbour	\$200,000
Orange	\$210,000
Tweed Heads	\$20,000
Statewide project management and coordination	\$685,000
TOTAL: \$10.5 million	