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ELECTRIFYING EVENTS AT MT. PENANG

Today permanent electrical services were switched on at the Mt. Penang Parklands' Event Park.

An official launch and plaque unveiling ceremony took place at 10 am today at Mt. Penang Parklands with The Hon. George Souris MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Arts joined by Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford and John Taylor, Chairman of the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation.

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation (CCRDC) was successful in gaining a \$45,000 grant from the NSW Government's 2011/12 Regional Tourism Product Development Program for the electrification of the Mt. Penang Event Park. The total infrastructure project costs \$61,000 and allows CCRDC the opportunity to create new business opportunities, as well as support and enhance regional tourism.

NSW Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Arts, George Souris says the revamp of the Mt. Penang Event Park will be of great benefit to local residents and the wider region.

"By providing an event destination with permanent electrical services, the Central Coast community will see real benefit. The increase in event activity at Mt. Penang Parklands will create job opportunities and increase tourist activity, including overnight stays on the Central Coast, boosting the local economy," Mr Souris said.

With permanent electricity installed at the Mt. Penang Event Park, CCRDC expects to attract a variety of new major events to the Central Coast, in addition to providing an enhanced service to existing event organisers. Capable of accommodating up to 25,000 people, the Mt. Penang Event Park is a prime location for events on the Central Coast.

The provision of these services to the Event Park enhances the potential for more and greater diversity of events at the Parkland," Chris Holstein said.

CCRDC Chairman, John Taylor said the services are part of an ongoing and continued upgrade and improvement of the area.

"We are excited that the plan to upgrade the Mt. Penang Event Park is taking shape. The work we have undertaken has made a significant improvement to the 40,000 square metre site. The completed works provide high quality electrical services to this facility which will be more attractive to potential event organisers."

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“Work is continuing at the site, with CCRDC recently allocating an additional \$34,000 to provide perimeter fencing and other electrical components. These improvements complement the existing ample on-site parking provisions,” Mr Taylor said.

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