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REGIONAL COMMUNITIES RECEIVE A BOOST FROM CLUBGRANTS PROGRAM

Community organisations across the state have been awarded a total of \$4 million to fund local projects under the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants program.

Projects that build or upgrade facilities across sport and recreation, arts and culture, disaster readiness and essential community infrastructure have received funding.

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said the 32 projects receiving funding will help local organisations deliver tangible, long-term benefits to the communities they serve.

"We're proud to support these important community organisations that work tirelessly to create resilient, healthy and connected communities," Mr Dominello said.

"The projects they're delivering will boost participation in sport, recreation and arts, social inclusion and disaster resilience – making a real difference in people's lives across NSW."

Since 2013, the NSW Government has funded over 350 community projects worth \$82 million under the Infrastructure Grants program.

This year the program expanded to fund projects that build community connections by supporting drought-affected communities and youth, mental health and domestic violence services.

The grants are made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund which re-invests profits from registered clubs' gaming machines into community infrastructure projects across three key areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Disaster Readiness & Community Infrastructure
- Sport & Recreation

Applications for the second round of funding for 2019/20 have opened and close on 16 December. Learn more at responsiblegambling.nsw.gov.au/funding-opportunities/infrastructure-grants.

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2019 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS:

Crookwell (South East NSW & Tablelands), upgrade theatre lighting - \$50,000

The Crookwell Amateur Dramatic Society has been central to their local community for over 35 years. Power in the theatre is at full capacity, with fuses often blowing on show nights. This project will convert all lights and equipment to LEDs, lighting up the stage in a more energy efficient, cost efficient and environmentally friendly way.

Fairfield (Western Sydney), purchase of multi-arts caravan - \$138,200

The funding will contribute to Think & Do Tank Foundation's purchase and fit-out a mobile, multi-arts caravan 'Universe of Possibilities' and 12-seater van 'The People Movers'. The project will bring arts programming, skills workshops, performances, screenings and events to communities in Sydney and regional NSW.

Macksville (North Coast), construction of learning precinct - \$109,600

The funding will contribute to the Nambucca Shire Council's revitalisation of the Dawkins Park Cultural / Environmental Learning Precinct. The project will build an outdoor learning space with a new shelter, jetty, tables, seating, connecting paths and landscaping. The space will be enhanced with cultural and environmental themes and educational information.

Nowra (Illawarra - Shoalhaven), install art gallery climate control - \$94,600

The funding will contribute to Shoalhaven City Council's installation of a heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) system in the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, to maintain temperature and humidity. This will improve the gallery's ability to borrow and display historic and delicate works, and bring exhibitions from major institutions to the area to be enjoyed by locals and visitors.

Wagga Wagga (Riverina), art gallery refurbishment - \$192,000

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is over 20 years old. The project will refurbish the gallery and upgrade the air-conditioning system in exhibition spaces and the collection storage area. This will ensure the gallery is operating at the national standard and can borrow and display works from Australian and international museums. It will also help protect their permanent collection from damage for the enjoyment of future generations.

DISASTER READINESS & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS:

Bombira (Central West NSW & Orana), airport hangar fit-out for ambulances - \$39,500

The funding will contribute to Mid-Western Regional Council's transformation of a Mudgee Airport hangar into a dedicated ambulance waiting bay with a full fit-out, adding a concrete slab, roller doors and internal fittings to the space. This will allow road ambulances to transfer patients to and from air ambulances with more privacy, increasing the comfort and standard of care for patients and their families.

Bonnells Bay (Hunter), redevelop youth and community centre - \$24,300

Bonnells Bay Youth / Community Centre will be redeveloped by Community Activities Lake Macquarie to provide this isolated community with a space for children, young people and families to connect. A secured storage area for playgroups and social equipment, a keyless entry system and minor building repairs will be delivered through the project.

Drake (North Coast), install rainwater tanks - \$10,000

This project will install rainwater tanks on the Drake Village Resource Centre shed and create an important collection point for water. The community centre provides an evacuation point for locals during bushfires and other natural disasters. The rainwater tanks are a simple yet effective way to help the centre provide cafe facilities and hot showers to the local community.

Helensburgh (Illawarra - Shoalhaven), Hope Youth Centre fit-out - \$144,000

The funding will contribute to Hope Health 2508's fit-out a community youth centre led and run by young people. The centre operates daily and aims to combat youth suicide and drug abuse. The centre also partners with local community groups to empower young people through training, helping them gain meaningful employment and become active in their community.

Moruya (South East NSW & Tablelands), upgrade Moruya Red Door Hall - \$53,500

The Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance will install a solar system, batteries with emergency power supplies, new fridges and stoves and upgrade lighting and two air conditioners at the Anglican Parish of Moruya Red Door Hall. The project will make the hall a comfortable refuge for the local community in extreme weather conditions such as heatwaves, and a safer and more efficient workspace for volunteers.

Narrandera (Riverina - Murray), upgrade Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club access - \$72,500

Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club will install new accessibility equipment and upgrade existing accessibility features. This project will improve access to the club for all people with accessibility needs, such as the elderly and people with mobility restrictions or disabilities.

Orange (Central West NSW & Orana), construct domestic violence centre - \$200,000

The funding will contribute to a domestic violence centre being built by Housing Plus. It will feature six two-bedroom units, administration building, counselling rooms, overnight bedrooms and common kitchen, laundry and living spaces, a salon, secure parking and a children's playground. The centre will support families affected by domestic violence, deliver professional development, community prevention and early intervention initiatives.

Robertson (Illawarra - Shoalhaven), refurbish the CTC@Robertson building - \$13,700

The CTC@Robertson building will undergo significant refurbishments to ensure it remains a comfortable, attractive and safe hub for the community. The building is used for various purposes by members of the Robertson community and visitors. The project will replace worn and stained flooring to help create an inviting and warm atmosphere.

Tamworth (New England), new wheelchair modified van - \$83,100

Sunnyfield will purchase a wheelchair modified van to provide their clients with more access to the community. Support workers will pick up and drop off clients, drive clients to important doctor appointments and community activities. This will enhance their clients' participation in the community and help create a more vibrant and inclusive society.

SPORT & RECREATION:

Ballina (North Coast), upgrade rugby club and playing fields - \$162,300

This project will upgrade Ballina Rugby Club's facilities for people with a disability and improve their involvement in club activities. The upgrade includes installing a security fence to protect players and spectators from vehicles. The project will also upgrade field irrigation using sustainable resources so the field can be used year-round.

Barellan (Riverina - Murray), redevelop netball courts - \$115,000

The funding will support stage two of a project to redevelop Barellan United Football and Netball Club's netball courts. This phase of the project includes upgrading a third netball court, acrylic surface and concreting edging around all courts. Shelters for players, officials and spectators will also be built.

Beechwood (North Coast), refurbish tennis courts - \$100,000

The funding will contribute to a Beechwood Tennis Club and Beechwood Council project to completely refurbish two courts with synthetic grass, energy efficient lighting and full access for people with a disability.

Camden South (South West Sydney), install Ron Dine Reserve floodlighting - \$101,000

The funding will contribute to a Camden Council project installing floodlights to fields three and four at Ron Dine Reserve. The lighting will allow Camden Tigers Football Club to play competition games, train and run activities on those grounds at night, expanding the capacity of the reserve.

Collaroy (Northern Sydney), improve tennis club disability access - \$101,800

The project will improve access for people with a disability at Collaroy Tennis Club by building a new access ramp, and upgrading gate access, pathways and wheelchair storage. Wheelchair tennis players will enjoy better access to the club's facilities without needing assistance, and ensure community members of all abilities can enjoy tennis.

Harden (Riverina - Murray), construct McLean Oval - \$112,000

The funding will contribute to the Harden Murrumburrah Junior Rugby League Club project to construct a new purpose-built facility at McLean Oval. The new facility will include a canteen, BBQ area, dressing sheds, change rooms, broadcast and media area, bar, club room and spectator seating.

Jerrabomberra (South East & Tablelands), tennis club court lighting upgrade - \$125,000

Jerrabomberra Tennis Club will replace the lighting on two hard and two synthetic courts with LED lighting. The new lighting will be used for night competitions, social games, coaching and events. The lighting will also use less power and reduce the club's power costs.

Kellyville (North West Sydney), redevelop Kellyville Park - \$300,000

The funding will contribute to the Hills Shire Council redevelopment of Kellyville Park. The project includes expanding and renovating playing fields, constructing drainage, irrigation and water tanks, upgrading floodlighting, parking, amenities, spectator facilities, fencing and a playground. Works will be carried out in stages with funds spent over 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Lavington (Riverina - Murray), install football ground lighting towers - \$115,900

The funding will contribute to a Melrose Football Club and Albury City Council project to install three lighting towers at Melrose Park. The new lighting will meet Australian Standards for sporting grounds and ensure safe night-time competitions, training and events can be run at the park.

Lithgow (Central West & Orana), construction of cycleway - \$270,000

Lithgow City Council will build a shared pedestrian and cycleway along Farmers Creek. The project includes two creek bridges, 850 meters of shared cycleway and 732 metres of off-road pathway. The cycleway will encourage community engagement in the environment, healthier lifestyles and to attract visitors.

Nelson Bay (Hunter), construct Tomaree Sports Complex - \$300,000

The funding will contribute to a Port Stephens Council project constructing a new multi-purpose building at Tomaree Sports Complex. The project will deliver a meeting room for clubs and youth groups, accessible amenities and change rooms, canteen, storage area, office space, referee room and first-aid room.

Panania (South West Sydney), refurbish rugby clubhouse - \$170,000

Milperra Colts Junior Rugby League Football Club will refurbish their clubhouse. The project will deliver new bathrooms and changerooms, a lockable canteen, flood proofing and a new paint, timed to coincide with celebrations for the club's 50th anniversary.

Port Macquarie (North Coast), replace tennis court lighting - \$114,900

Port Macquarie Tennis Club will replace lighting on four courts with new LED units. The project involves removing old wooden poles, rewiring and new underground cabling. The club will also install new galvanised steel poles. These upgrades will replace an outdated switchboard and simplify the club's electrics.

Rathmines (Hunter), construct football grandstands - \$189,100

The project will construct two grandstands at Westlakes Wildcats Football Club. The new facilities will accommodate around 520 spectators, visitors, officials and volunteers in a safe and environmentally friendly atmosphere.

Robertson (Illawarra - Shoalhaven), refurbish soccer club - \$129,000

The funding will contribute to a Robertson-Burrawang Rovers Soccer Club project to install new change rooms and referee's amenities. This will provide privacy and security for match officials and additional storage. The club will also install a new canteen and improve the facility's access for people with a disability.

Singleton (Hunter), upgrade indoor pool dome - \$100,000

The funding will contribute to a Singleton Council project to upgrade the 25-metre indoor pool dome at Singleton Gym and Swim. This will ensure the community can enjoy ongoing access to this vital facility. Around 148,000 residents visit the pool each year.

Terrigal (Central Coast), rugby club upgrade - \$134,800

Terrigal Rugby Club will upgrade the female toilets and construct new female change-rooms. The facilities will be fitted with showers and change areas that offer privacy for female players. The facilities will also be used by the general public.

Wellington (Central West & Orana), refurbish golf club irrigation system - \$191,000

The project to refurbish Wellington Golf Club's irrigating pump system will provide a

more reliable watering system for all weather conditions. The new system will provide more economical management of water for the greens and fairways and provide a better playing surface for players.