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CLUBGRANTS DELIVER BOOST FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Communities across the State will benefit from the NSW Government's latest round of Infrastructure Grants Program, with more than \$4 million awarded for 26 projects.

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said the funding covered projects across sport and recreation, arts and culture, disaster readiness and essential community infrastructure.

"This funding is a big win for grassroots organisations, who are often the lifeblood of a community," Mr Dominello said.

"The \$12.5 million yearly program is aimed at funding projects to build or upgrade community facilities, and this round gave special consideration for projects to repair and rebuild community assets affected by bushfires.

"By expanding the funding criteria, these grants will help revive local communities as they recover from the devastating bushfires and COVID-19.

"The projects will help restore a sense of community by boosting participation in sports; encouraging active engagement in local theatres, creative arts and museums; and helping communities recover and prepare for future challenges."

Since 2015, the NSW Government has funded more than 350 community projects worth \$62 million under the Infrastructure Grants program.

Applications for the next round of funding open from Monday, 21 September 2020. To find out more information or to apply, please visit responsiblegambling.nsw.gov.au

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The full list of funded projects is here:

Arts & Culture: \$50,000 to \$200,000 available per project

Granville (Sydney): Upgrade of Granville Centre - \$85,669

The funding will contribute to Cumberland City Council's fit-out of the creative suite at the Granville Centre which include a new music and recording studio, video studio and collaborative studio for production, editing, virtual reality opportunities and collaboration on projects. The Suite will provide a new space for the community to learn, develop, experience and share their creativity and diversity using different forms of media and artforms.

Dorrigo (Northern Tablelands): Redevelopment of the Old Gazette Theatre - \$200,000

The renovation and expansion of the foyer of Dorrigo's Old Gazette Theatre will provide access to all community members regardless of mobility, for all events. The extension of the foyer space, all-access amenities, an upgraded food service facility, and climate-controlled space will attract a broader range of users and enhance the experience for all patrons.

Windsor (Hawkesbury): Upgrade of the Hawkesbury Regional Museum - \$61,641

Upgrading accessibility of Hawkesbury Regional Museum will include replacing two hard-to-open entrance doors with automatic sliding doors, installing push button technology for amenities and internal exhibition doors, installing a hearing loop and creating a comfortable rest area in the foyer. These will all improve access and amenity for people with mobility, hearing and vision impairments, the frail and elderly.

Jervis Bay (Southcoast NSW): Upgrade Jervis Bay Maritime Museum - \$135,300

This electrical infrastructure upgrade is an essential requirement for a new air-conditioning system and will provide the capacity needed for the museum to grow into the future with the community, care for the collection, showcase exhibitions, develop education programs and support the local tourism sector. It will enable the museum to grow visitation and ensure the museum is financially sustainable.

Lake Cowal (Central West NSW): Fit-out of the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre - \$50,000

The re-purposing of the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre facility will establish the Lake Cowal Cultural Heritage Centre to serve as a hub for cultural engagement, learning and practice of Wiradjuri and European cultural heritage in the context of the Lake Cowal catchment and surrounding area. The project will incorporate interactive displays of artefacts, teaching resources and cultural learning spaces.

Oberon (Central Tablelands NSW): Fit-out of the Malachi Gilmore Hall - \$173,430

The fit-out of the State Heritage listed Malachi Gilmore Hall will restore and reactivate the historic cultural centrepiece of Oberon, NSW. The fit-out includes the installation of grids and trusses for theatre lighting and exhibition hanging systems,

cinema projector and screen, auditorium sound system, hearing-aid loop and stage curtains, all ready to entertain and connect the Oberon community.

Bong Bong Common (NSW Southern Highlands): Upgrade of the Bong Bong Common Eastern Precinct - \$184,447

The planned works comprise stage one of a three-stage upgrade to sensitively improve the Bong Bong Common in order to protect the archaeological remnants of the historic settlement sites, while improving access and providing interpretive information for visitors. Stage 1 upgrades will include improvements to the car park, beautification and interpretation of site with historic obelisk and plaques.

Disaster Readiness: \$10,000 to \$200,000 available per project

Black Head (NSW Mid North Coast): Upgrade of the Black Head Surf Club - \$199,874

The upgrade to Black Head SLSC will enable the facility to become an emergency evacuation centre for the Manning Valley region, maximising community safety. Works include installation of water tanks, security system and external lighting, solar power and fire protection measures surround the perimeter of the club as advised by the Local Emergency Management Officer.

Nymboida (NSW Northern Rivers): Upgrade of the Big Shed - \$200,000

The upgrade of the Big Shed provides a disaster ready, stand-alone community facility incorporating a professional kitchen, independent power, reliable, clean water source and emergency communication. These crucial services will be used in emergency situations by the community and emergency personnel. Into the future, the Nymboida community will have a safe accessible recreation place to meet, relax and connect.

Tathra (NSW Sapphire Coast): Refurbishment of clubhouse - \$144,640

The refurbishment of Tathra SLSC's amenities and patrol room is integral to service a growing number of users to ensure the facility is both operational and functional and provides a safe and protective environment. The facility is used for education, training, meetings, community social inclusion initiatives and, in times of disaster/emergency, is the most prominent local Neighbourhood Safer Place.

Community Infrastructure: \$10,000 to \$200,000 available per project

Tuncurry (NSW Mid North Coast): Installation of community solar system project - \$88,457

The project will install a 40-kilowatt hybrid solar system with battery storage at the Waste Transfer Station to supply the Forster Tuncurry Men's Shed and adjacent site holders at Tuncurry Community Recycling Centre. The batteries will enable the entire site to share power for free prior to any excess power being fed back into the grid.

Sylvania (Southern Sydney): Refurbishment of Sylvania Heights Community Hall Building - \$190,000

The refurbishment of the Sylvania Heights Community Hall building will improve accessibility for the elderly and people with disability. By providing lift access to the hall, a ramp and disability amenity to the lower level, this will attract more community groups and disability services providers. These upgrades will also lead to improvements to an existing bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Place infrastructure.

Gosford (Central Coast): Purchase of the Regional Youth Support Services Shopfront - \$200,000

The purchase of a new state of the art Youth Shopfront in Gosford CBD will provide a one-stop shop for young people and families. It will contain youth and tech friendly spaces, welcoming case managers and a range of youth and family services.

Sport & Recreation: \$100,000 to \$300,000 available per project

Bingara (NSW New England region): Upgrade of the Bingara Sporting Club facilities - \$223,580

The upgrade of the Bingara Sporting Club facilities will include all accessible amenities and showers as well as baby change facilities and additional food preparation infrastructure. The Bingara community will have access to modern water saving facilities that are essential in times of drought and the addition of solar panels will ensure the ongoing sustainability of the Club.

Bungendore (NSW South West): Upgrade of the Bungendore Park Tennis Facility - \$246,226

The upgrade of the Bungendore Park Tennis Facility to include a fourth court and combined hot shots court and practice hitting wall will enable increased access to tennis by the local school community and broader community in Bungendore and the surrounding districts. The replacement of sub-standard (chicken wire) perimeter fencing will make the facility safer to use and more secure.

Byron Bay: Upgrade of the Byron Bay FC changerooms and public amenities - \$220,000

The project will renovate and upgrade of the public amenities including women's and men's amenities and upgrade of change-room facilities to include female friendly locker-rooms. These facilities will be made available to the general public, a variety of sporting groups, schools and other parties that utilise the Byron Bay Memorial Recreation Grounds and provide safe, inviting and accessible amenities and facilities.

Cessnock (Hunter Region): Upgrade of Cessnock Tennis Club courts - \$139,770

The proposal involves resurfacing four synthetic grass tennis courts at Cessnock Tennis Club with a Multipurpose surface to attract a wider market and secure the financial sustainability of the Club. Multipurpose courts will provide an opportunity to diversify programs offered as part of the Cessnock Tennis Club's membership. The

upgraded courts will provide opportunity to collaborate with other community organisations.

Cowra (NSW Central West): Redevelopment of playing field lighting - \$154,186

Upgrade of playing field lighting at the Cowra Rugby Club will extend the playing season for local competitions, particularly touch football, increase player safety for night games, and allow semi-professional games such as Shute Shield and NRC to be played at night, attracting visitors to the town as participants and spectators. Cowra community groups will have a higher standard of facility to participate in major sporting events. The project is cost effective with the use of two existing light poles and cabling.

Maryland (Newcastle): Redevelopment of community-used school sports fields - \$300,000

Redevelopment of and additions to the community park at Glendore Public School will include two basketball courts, playground areas to suit 0-5, 5-8, 8-12, 12-adults, and repairs to existing outdoor picnic and football field. With outdoor tables and lunch facilities, fencing and signage, the Maryland and Fletcher communities of Callaghan West will have an inviting, and accessible place to meet, relax, celebrate and connect.

Gosford (Central Coast): Replacement of lighting at tennis courts - \$132,575

This project will replace the current, 50-year-old lighting system for the outdoor tennis courts at the Gosford and District Tennis Centre with LED lighting. This will allow hosting of interstate tournaments and provides the complex with state-of-the-art tennis lighting that will be bright, high quality light for night-time and squad players while consuming less energy than metal halide or HPS lights consume.

Goulburn (Southern Tablelands): Refurbishment of the Seiffert Oval Grandstand - \$109,529

The refurbishment of the aged grandstand at Goulburn's Seiffert Oval will involve an extensive make-over which will see the replacement of the existing side, rear cladding, roofing and bench seating. There will also be improvements to the side railings, plus painting the existing steel framework. This work will complement Council's significant investment to date towards transforming the Oval precinct into a modern sporting complex.

Grafton (Northern Rivers region): Upgrade of the Bom Bom Mountain Bike Trails – \$128,200

Restoration of the Bom Bom Mountain Bike Trails will upgrade 22km of trails with an all-weather surface and replace water crossings. Improved trail markers and signage will provide year-round access to a facility that is family friendly, can be maintained by volunteers and will allow the Grafton Cycle Club to again host high quality events at a venue classified as Regionally Significant under AMB Trail Guidelines.

Scone (NSW Hunter region): Extension of the Scone Race Club function centre – \$150,000

The extension of the function centre will provide full disability access to the entire

facility, increasing the rooms patron capacity by 33 per cent and provide a flexible space suitable for smaller functions and as a breakout room for conferences or training seminars. These works will allow for maximised use of existing infrastructure including lift and commercial catering facilities.

Tumut (Riverina region): Replacement of sports lighting and electrical infrastructure – \$293,645

The replacement of existing flood lighting and electrical infrastructure will enable afternoon training sessions at the Tumut Minor Rugby League Association for 965 players each week. To be completed with modern LED sports lighting, this will facilitate a safer and more secure environment for players to train and enable evening matches to be played providing for improved social activity and community participation.

Walbundrie (Riverina region): Refurbishment of the Walbundrie Tennis Courts – \$110,680

The resurfacing of four of the existing six existing tennis courts with synthetic super court 19 grass and re-fence the area with a three meter high black powder coated fence, will bring the current facility in line with safety regulations, ensuring an inclusive, safe and inviting surface for community members and visitors to the area.

Woolgoolga (NSW Mid North Coast): Construction of the Woolgoolga United Football Community Rooms - \$125,000

The Woolgoolga United Football Community Rooms will include two additional unisex change rooms, amenities / shower facilities, community meeting rooms, kitchenette and veranda areas. The additional change rooms will ensure all teams (female and male) have access to change rooms and the meeting room will provide a safe and accessible space for various community groups for meetings and presentations.