

Ordinary Meeting of Council SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

23 August 2017

Commencing at 5.30pm

Council Chambers
10 Majara Street, Bungendore

QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORTS

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Report

Late last year, the NSW Government announced the Regional Development Framework, a long-term vision to build a revitalised regional economy by investing to improve amenity, support growth and unlock regional potential. The Office of Regional Development has also moved into the Department of Premier and Cabinet with a clear instruction to ensure the people of regional NSW get their fair share of services and infrastructure investment.

In the June Budget, the Government announced the \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund. The Fund has been designed to 'turbocharge economic growth, spur investment, create jobs and revitalise public infrastructure right across regional NSW'.

Over the next fortnight, Council will receive updates on the work underway to boost regional NSW, stimulate job creation and attract potential investors, including the development of regional economic strategies and the accelerated delivery of local infrastructure projects across the state.

Council prepared or commissioned a number of strategies in 2017 to be in a position to apply for the grants and leverage other grants or council funds as co-contributions. Those strategies include:

- QCBD Transformation
- Digital Economy and Smart Community
- Sports Facilities
- Tourism
- Economic Development
- Integrated Transport
- Integrated Water Cycle Management
- QSTP masterplan

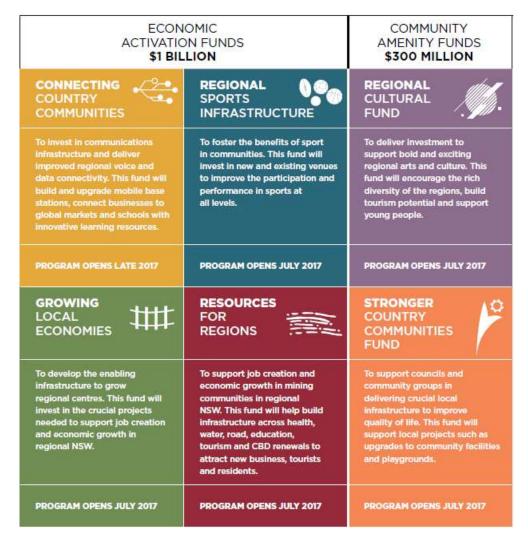
More information about upcoming information sessions for the Regional Growth Fund is summarised below -

The Regional Growth Fund includes six programs:

- Stronger Country Communities investing in projects that improve local amenities for residents, such as upgrades to local parks, community centres and playgrounds. Expressions of interest for Tranche A are currently open and close on 9 August.
- Resources for Regions delivering infrastructure and community requirements in mining affected communities. Expressions of interest are currently open and close 18 August.
- Regional Cultural Fund building and upgrading arts and cultural venues including art galleries, libraries, performance spaces and cultural centres. Expressions of interest are currently open and close 4 September.
- Growing Local Economies unlocking the economic potential of regional towns and cities and creating jobs. Expressions of interest open in August. This fund will accept applications year-round.
- Regional Sports Infrastructure supporting participation and high achievement for regional sporting communities. Expressions of interest open in August. This fund will accept applications year-round.

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 Connecting Country Communities – improving telecommunication connectivity in regional NSW to drive economic growth. Further details regarding this program will be announced in late 2017.



More information about the Regional Growth Fund is available at www.nsw.gov.au/regionalgrowth.

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Attachments

Nil