



Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA

23 August 2017

Commencing at 5.30pm

**Council Chambers
10 Majara Street, Bungendore**

****On-site Inspections****

List any inspections or indicate “Nil”

S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

S.1 Regional Growth Fund3

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS –

(Copies available from General Manager’s Office on request)

Open Attachments

Nil

Closed Attachments

Nil

S.1 Regional Growth Fund (Ref: C17131007; Author: Tegart/Tegart)

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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.

ECONOMIC ACTIVATION FUNDS \$1 BILLION		COMMUNITY AMENITY FUNDS \$300 MILLION
CONNECTING COUNTRY COMMUNITIES 	REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE 	REGIONAL CULTURAL FUND 
<p>To invest in communications infrastructure and deliver improved regional voice and data connectivity. This fund will build and upgrade mobile base stations, connect businesses to global markets and schools with innovative learning resources.</p>	<p>To foster the benefits of sport in communities. This fund will invest in new and existing venues to improve the participation and performance in sports at all levels.</p>	<p>To deliver investment to support bold and exciting regional arts and culture. This fund will encourage the rich diversity of the regions, build tourism potential and support young people.</p>
<p>PROGRAM OPENS LATE 2017</p>	<p>PROGRAM OPENS JULY 2017</p>	<p>PROGRAM OPENS JULY 2017</p>
GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES 	RESOURCES FOR REGIONS 	STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND 
<p>To develop the enabling infrastructure to grow regional centres. This fund will invest in the crucial projects needed to support job creation and economic growth in regional NSW.</p>	<p>To support job creation and economic growth in mining communities in regional NSW. This fund will help build infrastructure across health, water, road, education, tourism and CBD renewals to attract new business, tourists and residents.</p>	<p>To support councils and community groups in delivering crucial local infrastructure to improve quality of life. This fund will support local projects such as upgrades to community facilities and playgrounds.</p>
<p>PROGRAM OPENS JULY 2017</p>	<p>PROGRAM OPENS JULY 2017</p>	<p>PROGRAM OPENS JULY 2017</p>

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