



Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA

26 April 2018

Commencing at 5.30pm

**Council Chambers
10 Majara Street, Bungendore**

On-site Inspections - Nil

S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

- S.1 Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 2 - Additional Projects.....3

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS –

(Copies available from CEO/General Manager's Office on request)

Open Attachments

Nil

Closed Attachments

Nil

S.1 Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 2 - Additional Projects (Ref: C1854726; Author: Thompson/Geyer)

Summary

The NSW Government is now calling for grant applications under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 2. Applications for all councils opened 12 March and close 4 May 2018. Projects must be for:

- Construction of new or refurbishment/upgrade of existing community infrastructure.
- Construction of new or refurbishment/upgrade of existing local sporting infrastructure.
- Capital works related to street beautification and public 'place making'.
- Minimum project size \$50,000.
- Projects over \$1,000,000 must have a minimum 25% co-contribution.

Round two requires that at least 50% of funding sought must be for sports projects.

Council considered this matter at its Planning and Strategy Committee meeting agreed to apply for six projects within the projected budget allocation advised by the NSW Government.

Council has now been contacted by the local member for Monaro's office advising of two community based projects that have been brought to their attention.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the addition of Riverside Sports Field upgrade \$250,000 and Queanbeyan Golf Course Amenities Upgrade \$750,000 to its list of applications for SCCF Round 2 and note it will over subscribe the amount Council is expecting to be allocated.

Background

At its meeting of 11 April 2018, Council resolved to proceed with the following projects to seek funds under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 2:

- a) Queanbeyan River Walk Stage 2 - \$800,000
- b) Bungendore Sports Hub Stage 2 - \$950,000
- c) Braidwood Recreation Area Stage 2 - \$250,000
- d) Ryrie Park Braidwood - \$690,000
- e) Queanbeyan Showground - \$600,000
- f) Bungendore Scout Hall Stage 2 - \$250,000

Since that time Council has received further representations for the member for Monaro recommending that two other projects that have been brought to his attention be considered for funding. These projects are:

Riverside Oval Playing Surface – A request from Monaro Panthers Football Club to assist in seeking funds to refurbish the playing surface of Riverside Oval. An estimate of \$250,000 is suggested as an appropriate amount. While staff support the proposal to refurbish the playing surface, a total reconstruction would require the field be taken out of play for an extended period to establish the new surface. Monaro Panthers have further discussed the options for this project and timing to prevent closure of fields during the playing season but this could be difficult. To create the quality of field desired may not be possible in a six month period. It is considered the options may be viable and will be considered.

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Queanbeyan Golf Course – Is a public based course largely on Crown Land. The Golf Club have secured the NSW Women's Open in February/March 2019 and are proposing a major renovation and upgrade of their amenities prior to the event. The schedule of works, which fits within the guidelines of the SCCF Round 2 are estimated at \$750,000. The project has merit and is worthy of an application.

It should be noted these two applications will be above the allocated allotment advised by the NSW Government.

Implications

Asset

Riverside Oval is a Council Asset and is managed under Council's Urban Landscape Section.

Engagement

The two projects have arisen directly from the community and the clubs based at the two locations.

Financial

The two projects do not require any Council investment upfront, although it should be noted, the ongoing maintenance of Riverside will require additional budget allocation of \$20,000 per annum to retain the higher quality field.

Conclusion

The two projects are both worthy of endorsement by Council and will provide valuable assets to the Queanbeyan Community.

Attachments

Nil