



**Planning and Strategy  
Committee of the Whole**

**SUPPLEMENTARY**

**AGENDA**

**11 April 2018**

**Commencing at 5:30pm**

**Council Chambers  
253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan**



**S ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

S.1 Stronger Country Community Fund - Round 2.....3

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS –**

**Open Attachments**

*Nil*

**Closed Attachments**

*Nil*



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Thompson/Geyer)**

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**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 meeting of 28 March 2018 and requested that the matter be brought before Council again following a meeting with the Local Member for Monaro prior to Council’s next Planning and Strategy Committee (P&SC) meeting. Delegation was given to the P&SC to determine the projects which should go forward as an expression of interest.

The local member for Monaro, the Hon John Barilaro MP met with the Mayor and CEO on 9 April to review the proposed projects and consider further suggestions such as those put forward at recent meetings – scout hall refurbishments at Bungendore and Jerrabomberra, and Braidwood Quilters.

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**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse 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. Ryrrie Park Braidwood - \$690,000**
  - e. Queanbeyan Showground - \$600,000**
  - f. Bungendore Scout Hall Stage 2 - \$250,000**
- 2. Consider whether to assign funds to alternate projects.**

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**Background**

The NSW Government is running a grants programme under the Stronger Country Communities Fund. Round one grants awarded to QPRC included:

- \$400,000 for Queanbeyan River Walk
- \$640,000 for High Street Amenities
- \$350,000 for Bungendore Change Rooms
- \$380,000 for Braidwood Recreation Ground Floodlights.

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Round two opened on 12 March and closes 4 May 2018. Staff have collated a number of potential projects arising from community engagement from earlier Community Strategic Plan consultation and recent Delivery Plan workshops of projects brought to Council from community groups. The potential projects which could be applied for are listed below.

**Queanbeyan River Walk Stage 2** - It is proposed to continue the work, already commenced in stage one, filling in some missing links across the caravan park frontage, under Queen's Bridge and down Glenlock Drain towards the River and south towards Barrack's Flat. It is proposed to seek \$800,000 for stage two of the River Walk.

**Bungendore Sporting Hub** – The need for the Hub first arose from the Palerang Sporting Needs Analysis. Council has allocated an amount of \$1,500,000 for stage one of this project and discussions are underway with the land owner. Due to the heavy over use of Mick Sherd Oval, this sporting hub is considered a very high priority. It is proposed to include stage two of the sporting hub in this round of applications, giving Council the funds needed to establish four grass fields, four hard courts, amenities and lighting on two fields. It is recommended a further \$950,000 be sought from SCCF Round 2 for this development.

**Braidwood Recreation Area** – This is a popular sporting venue servicing the Braidwood area. Council has allocated \$300,000 toward extending the playing area to two full size fields and grant funding has been secured for floodlights to these fields. During recent consultation various community members raised concerns about over grown areas, poorly lit areas and the potential for antisocial behaviour. It is proposed to seek \$250,000 in Round 2 to refurbish the remainder of the Recreation Area, improve access points, improve passive surveillance and introduce some children's play and youth activities adjoining the amenities.

**Ryrie Park Amenities** - Council is currently out for final consultation on the Braidwood CBD/Ryrie Park Master Plan project. Council has allocated \$500,000 for works to commence. Due to the complexity of the Braidwood project, existing funds will be insufficient to complete all works proposed and a staged approach will be necessary. It is proposed to seek further grant funds to complete these various stages. For Round 2 of SCCF it is recommended \$690,000 be sought to replace the existing Pool and Ryrie Park amenities, into one central building, as per the concepts, and additional works within the playground.

**Queanbeyan Showground Improvements and New Pavilion** - During the recent Delivery Plan workshops, Queanbeyan Showground improvements were raised as a community priority. Friends of the Showground and the Showground Advisory Committee have been working toward constructing a new Pavilion and improving access paths, signage and shade at the Showground. With an increasing number of organisations interested in staging their events in Queanbeyan, having a first class events venue is important. Staff have been working through the approvals process and cultural heritage approvals over the past year and hope before the end of 2018 to be able to lodge a DA for the new Pavilion. It is proposed to seek \$600,000 for construction of the pavilion and associated improvements to the grounds.

**Riverside Oval Playing Surface** - Monaro Panthers Football Club have approached Council 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. It is recommended that Council undertake renovations under existing maintenance budgets, keeping the field in play until the new field in Googong is operational in 2019/2020 and then close Riverside for full reconstruction.

**Seiffert Oval Improvements** - Council has invested over \$1,200,000 in improvements at Seiffert Oval between 2014 and 2016 and \$200,000 in 2017 with a further \$273,000 in

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floodlight upgrading taking place in 2018. The next priority for Seiffert Oval would be extended change rooms and referee facilities to accommodate women's games at an estimated \$650,000.

**School Based Hydrotherapy Pool** - Representations from NSW Education proposed the establishment of a School Based Hydrotherapy Pool be included in Round two applications. This project has merit however at this stage initial concepts and cost estimates have not been prepared and it is expected such a facility may require the majority of Queanbeyan's allocation.

**Scout Halls: Bungendore and Jerrabomberra** have come forward from the community with requests for funding under the SCCF Round 2. Both projects have merit and have been scoped by staff. As heard at Council's meeting of 28 March 2018, Bungendore Scout Hall Stage 2 has been designed and costed at \$250,000. The Jerrabomberra Scout Hall also requires a new site or redevelopment of the existing site. If a new site was selected within the South Jerrabomberra subdivision, a staged construction could occur, while still operating the existing site. Redevelopment of the existing site would mean a period of time with no Scout Hall for Jerrabomberra.

**Implications*****Legal***

All projects recommended are within Council owned or managed lands and are in keeping with requirements of the *Local Government Act* 1993

***Social / Cultural***

In each case, projects have been selected to provide the greatest community benefit and return to the social fabric of the local community. Emphasis has been placed on projects that enhance sporting or physical activity, community events or social interaction.

***Economic***

Utilising funds obtained from grant sources are the only way many of the suggested projects will be able to progress.

***Strategic***

Project suggested support strategies already identified within Council's Community Strategic Plan and identified by the community to support the Delivery Program.

***Engagement***

The SCCF requires demonstrated community consultation for a project to be eligible. The projects recommended in the report have arisen from community engagement for either the Community Strategic Plan or other consultation conducted over the past 2 years.

***Financial***

Staff have prepared initial cost estimates to assist Council and will further work up concepts and obtain quotes or quantity surveys once Council has determined its priorities for Round 2 applications. The projected Round 2 allocation for the QPRC area is \$3,540,000. Council has previously allocated \$1,500,000 for Bungendore Sporting Hub, \$500,000 for Braidwood

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CBD/Ryrie Park and \$300,000 for Braidwood Recreation Area Stage 2 in the 2017-2018 budget.

Efforts to procure contracts to undertake Stage 1 and Stage 2 of works (eg river walk) across FY18 and FY19 will be explored. Projects proposed under the SCCF – Round 2 are;

- Queanbeyan River Walk Stage 2 - \$800,000
- Bungendore Sports Hub Stage 2 - \$1,000,000
- Braidwood Recreation Area Stage 2 - \$350,000
- Ryrie Park Braidwood - \$740,000
- Queanbeyan Showground - \$650,000

Further projects and adjustments to amounts may come forward as a supplementary attachment following the priorities meeting with the local member.

**Conclusion**

Round 2 of the SCCF was announced on 12 March and Council needs to ensure it has conducted community consultation. By selecting projects that have arisen from recent consultation, Council meets this obligation while ensuring projects have wide spread community support. The projects recommended with in this report meet the criteria of the programme and provide the best return to the widest cross section of the community.

**Attachments**

Nil