

20 March 2017

## **Stronger Communities Fund Major Project Application Summary**

### **Background**

Federation Council was granted \$10 million as part of the NSW Governments Stronger Communities Fund to support the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services within the newly formed council. These funds are to be allocated to community projects during 2016/2017 in the following way:

- up to \$1 million through a Stronger Community Grant Program providing grants of up to \$50,000 each (for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities); and
- \$9 million for major projects (that deliver long term economic and social benefits to communities)

Round 1 of the Grant program resulted in 18 projects approved for funding, totaling allocations of \$595,000 towards project costs of \$941,347. Round 2 closed on 8 March 2017 with 36 applications received totaling just over \$1 million in funding requests towards projects estimated at \$2.1 million.

Federation Council has prepared 16 funding applications for consideration as part of the Stronger Community Major Projects Funding. These projects are large scale priority infrastructure and services projects that aim to deliver long term economic and social benefits. The applications total almost \$11.3 million in funding requests towards projects estimated at \$14.6 million.

An assessment panel will review all the Round 2 and Major Project applications early next month. They will be looking for strong projects that will build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities and deliver social, cultural, economic or environmental benefits. The projects selected for funding will be announced on April 18 at the Council meeting.

A summary list of the Major Projects being considered is provided below.

Any person interested in commenting on the Major Project applications should do so in writing outlining their reasons for supporting or objecting to the project and address this to:

The General Manager  
Federation Council  
PO Box 77 Corowa NSW 2646  
or email to: council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

All submissions must include contact details and must be received by 5pm Tuesday 18 April 2017.

Submissions received will form part of a report to the Independent Assessment Panel.

## MAJOR PROJECTS APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION	PROJECT DETAILS	FUNDING REQUEST	TOTAL PROJECT COST
1. Upgrade and construction of an All Abilities Adventure Playground at Purtle Park in Mulwala	<p>The project is part of the Foreshore Master Plan and is in partnership with the Yarrawonga Mulwala Development Inc. It aims to provide a unique, free and modern all abilities adventure playground for children 0-15 years for locals and visitors at Purtle Park, Mulwala.</p> <p>This project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>removing the boat ramp and installing lake edge treatment</li> <li>removing the car park (and building a playground on top of it)</li> <li>demolishing and replacing the existing toilets with all abilities amenities</li> <li>design and construction of an all abilities adventure playground</li> <li>seating (as natural fencing between the park and the lake)</li> <li>construction of all abilities footpaths</li> <li>installing a shade structure over part of the playground</li> <li>landscaping</li> </ul> <p>The Playground Committee of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Development Inc. have raised \$350,000 to contributions to this project.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 30 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$40,000 (existing expense).</p>	\$855,650	\$1,205,650
2. Renewal of Kyffins Reserve in Mulwala	<p>Kyffins Reserve is located 5 kilometres from the township of Mulwala and is a much sought after area for camping, fishing, walking and other outdoor activities. However, a tornado in March 2013 stripped many of the tree canopies which has resulted over time in a proliferation of weeds and exotic grasses which cause a fire risk and damage to the natural ecosystem. The area is also host to historic Aboriginal objects which are now exposed and at greater risk of being spoiled.</p> <p>The project was identified as a priority through community consultation in the development of the Corowa Community Strategic Plan.</p> <p>This project is to complete the tasks identified in the Reserve Management Plan which was developed in collaboration with Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Murray Local Land Services and the Yorta Yorta Nation. It includes;</p>	\$197,087	\$197,087

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore over 2.3 km of walking track adjacent to the water course and connecting the reserve to the township</li> <li>• Construct 400 m of rural fencing to protect and encourage native foliage growth</li> </ul> <p>This renewal project would be funded 100% by the Stronger Communities Fund.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 10 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$2,400.</p>		
3. Upgrade to Netball/Tennis Courts in Coreen (2.5)	<p>All of these courts were originally constructed over 20-40 years ago and whilst new surfaces have been applied at some locations in the last 10 years the bases were not improved which has resulted in surface cracking, depressions that retain water and surface rupture that makes them unsafe to use and an ongoing financial burden on the clubs to repair.</p> <p>The project at each site is to strip the existing courts, fix the drainage issues and any tree root invasion, build the court level up and replace the courts.</p> <p>This will result in the surfaces lasting longer and requiring less maintenance over time.</p> <p>Each of the local netball/tennis clubs have contributed funds toward their respective project.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 20 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$1,000.</p>	\$120,000	\$186,000
4. Upgrade to Tennis Courts in Howlong (6)		\$110,000	\$170,000
5. Upgrade to Netball/Tennis Courts in Urana (2)		\$165,000	\$200,000
6. Design and Construction of a Skate Park in Howlong	<p>The Howlong community have worked toward the construction of a skate park since 2001 when it was identified that young people have no-where to scoot/skate and consequently did so in the car parks and in the main street area where they are at risk of injury and of injuring others.</p> <p>This project is identified within the Master Plan for the Lowe Square Recreation Reserve and will be situated near the proposed new playground and BBQ and toilet facilities.</p> <p>The project is to design and construct a modest skate park with a street terrain design which will complement the hybrid design proposed at Corowa.</p> <p>Contributions to this project include; Australian Lions Club \$15,000, Howlong Lions Club \$10,000, Howlong Youth Skate Park Committee \$15,000, Howlong op Shop \$5,000.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 40 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$5,000.</p>	\$153,000	\$188,000
7. Upgrade and Renewal of	Victoria Park is the primary recreational facility for Urana. It hosts the football/cricket ground, camp draft, machinery club, netball/tennis courts and air strip (used by emergency	\$79,592	\$105,592

Victoria Park in Urana	<p>helicopters, fire-fighting aircraft and agricultural aircraft).</p> <p>Individual applications were received from the Camp Draft and the Machinery Club in grant round one however it was felt that a master planned approach was needed to improve the park strategically.</p> <p>This bigger picture perspective identified that the facility needs several issues to be addressed to support greater utilization of the facilities, enable free camping sites for Recreational Vehicles and to enhance the service life of the facilities.</p> <p>This project includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access Road improvement</li> <li>• Camp Draft improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Area surface improvements</li> <li>○ Shade shelter and delivery structure installation</li> <li>○ Water point installation for cattle</li> <li>○ Demountable seating</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vintage Machinery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Power connect to storage building and exhibitors area</li> <li>○ Extension to the building to include an outdoor covered area</li> <li>○ Tower to light ramp area</li> <li>○ Lighting for ramp area and tractor on pole</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Modifications to Toilet Amenities to enable disable access</li> <li>• Traffic Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Installation of directional control fence to separate camping traffic from sporting ground traffic</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Air Strip improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Renew gravel sealing</li> <li>○ Renew runway line markings</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Campdraft Inc and Vintage Machinery Club will both contribute \$1,000 cash and collectively contribute \$25,000 of in-kind labour to the project.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 10-25 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$2,500.</p>		
8. Establishment of an RV Park at Oaklands	This project is to construct an RV park in the main street of Oaklands. It would enable 5 RVs to park overnight with access to toilet and shower facilities at the adjacent pool as well as	\$107,112	\$122,312

	<p>access to BBQ facilities and a dump point.</p> <p>The project has been a priority for the Oaklands community for a number of years. A Master Plan has been developed and the previous Urana Council approved the planning permit.</p> <p>The project will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of roadway and parking bays</li> <li>• Construction of connecting gravel pathways</li> <li>• Construction of a gazebo and BBQ facility</li> <li>• Replacing existing fence</li> <li>• Installation of bollards</li> <li>• Landscaping and irrigation</li> <li>• Alterations to the pool amenities doorways to enable all ability access and secure afterhours access</li> </ul> <p>The Oaklands Town Improve Committee will contribute \$3,500 to the project and local business providing \$11,700 of in-kind labour and materials.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 10 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$2,000.</p>		
9. Upgrade to the Sports Club Facilities in Rand	<p>This project is to complete the final stage of works required to upgrade the Rand Sports Ground facilities. The project includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade of heating and cooling</li> <li>• Renovate the function room including floor coverings</li> <li>• Installation of a triple slider glass door and external serving area</li> <li>• Renovation of male and female showers and toilets ensuring disable access</li> <li>• Creation of a nursing parent room</li> <li>• Construction of an undercover BBQ facility</li> <li>• Extend the exiting veranda to improve spectator viewing and protect the doors of the change rooms</li> <li>• Enlarge the dam (onsite) and install a solar pump for water supply</li> </ul> <p>The Rand Sports Ground Committee Inc. will contribute \$28,000 in cash and materials to the project.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 10 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated as unchanged/reduced</p>	87,174	99,174

	from existing support.		
10. Upgrade to Skate Park in Corowa	<p>This project is to provide an upgrade of the current scooting/skateboarding facility in Corowa to ensure the facility is safe, appeals to a wide range of skills, is fun, aesthetically appealing and provides a welcoming and inclusive space for young people and the wider community.</p> <p>The existing facility is over 30 years old, requires ongoing repairs and no longer meets the needs of the growing number of users. Key issues include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over crowding – the 2-half pipe design is too small for the number of uses and has issues of flow between the two pipes</li> <li>• Range of skills – the design is difficult to use and does not cater for the range of ages/skills nor does it support simultaneous use</li> <li>• Wear and tear – the park has required little maintenance to this point, but now requires repairs e.g cracks have appeared in the concrete bowls, slab joins have widened and become hazardous, the gravel access to the bowls is slippery.</li> <li>• Ambience – the site generally looks run down and inadequately caters for viewing</li> </ul> <p>The skate park is used regularly by Corowa’s growing number of young people, Corowa High School students and features annually in the North-East Skate Competition.</p> <p>This project includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An extension to the skate park with a new skate bowl and quarter pipe</li> <li>• Addition of a coffin ledge, triangle kicker and pyramid</li> <li>• Addition of a connecting pathway including batter retention steps</li> <li>• Seating</li> <li>• Landscaping</li> <li>• Repair work</li> </ul> <p>Contributions to this project include \$16,130 from Corowa APEX Club and \$5,000 from Corowa RSL.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 40 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$5,000.</p>	\$293,170	\$314,750
11. Upgrade to the Swimming Pool in Corowa	<p>This project has been identified by the community as a top priority for 20 years and recently during extensive consultation processes when developing the Community Strategic and Delivery Program.</p>	\$2.5 million	\$5.77 million

	<p>The existing swimming pool is over 60 years old and at the end of its lifecycle. A new pool is necessary for several safety reasons, significant filtrations issues and because of the ongoing and significant water leaks. Additionally, the current design does not meet current standards nor suit the way it is used ie. 70% of visitation to swimming pools is for recreational use including therapy and water play.</p> <p>The construction of a new facility will consider specific provisions for all user groups;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to swim and program pool</li> <li>• Therapy and rehabilitation area</li> <li>• Lap swimming and training including provision for turns and required distances</li> <li>• Disables entrance ramp</li> <li>• Children's water play</li> <li>• Change rooms and multipurpose family room</li> </ul> <p>A feasibility study has been completed. The final build design will be confirmed following further community consultation e.g. 20m/50m, indoor/outdoor/roof, links with Ball Park Caravan Park etc. The choice of design will determine the final cost.</p> <p>Additional funds for this project include \$1.5 million from Federation Council reserves and \$1 million from NSW Government.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 40 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$150,000. (partial self-funding)</p>		
12. Renewal of the RSL Playground in Corowa	<p>Corowa RSL Park is the main community park for Corowa with its central and appealing location. Visitation to the Park is already significant (estimated to exceed 20,000 annually) however the limited existing equipment is decades old, does not cater for all age groups and abilities or comply with Australian Safety Standards.</p> <p>The project is to remove most the existing playground equipment and replace it with modern all abilities equipment suitable for children 0-12 years.</p> <p>The development of the playground features in multiple council planning documents because of community consultation.</p> <p>The RSL has contributed \$20,000 and the Federal Governments has contributed \$18,000 towards the project.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 10 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$2,800.</p>	\$115,451	\$153,451

<p>13. Renewal of Bangerang Park in Corowa</p>	<p>The November 2016 flooding resulted in this popular playground becoming unsafe. Subsequently the playground, which was already approaching its expiry date, was unsalvageable and removed.</p> <p>The project includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage works</li> <li>• Installation of an all abilities playground for children aged 0-14 years</li> <li>• Demolish and construct all abilities family friendly toilet facility</li> <li>• Construction of a shaded area</li> <li>• Construction on a new BBQ facility and park furniture</li> <li>• Construction of an amphitheatre</li> <li>• Construction of access pathways</li> <li>• Landscaping</li> </ul> <p>This renewal project will complement the planned multi-million-dollar swimming pool development near-by.</p> <p>Funding contributions toward this project include \$60,000 from Corowa Rotary Club and \$50,000 from Rivalea.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 10 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$3,200.</p>	<p>\$500,963</p>	<p>\$610,963</p>
<p>14. Establishment of a Cinema in Corowa</p>	<p>This project is to establish a 50-seat cinema experience at the Corowa Golf Club. The cinema will be fully operated by the Golf Club and has been modelled on the success of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Cinema (established 2015).</p> <p>The project aims to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide a cinema experience locally (with all abilities access) which not only meets the need of the community but also keeps money in the town</li> <li>• Fill a void in after-hours activities in Corowa</li> <li>• To ensure the viability of an important local business that provides employment and a valued service to locals and visitors</li> </ul> <p>There are no other buildings identified in Corowa suitable for this project without a much larger council investment and significant ongoing costs.</p> <p>The Corowa community have expressed their desire for a cinema and highlighted the lack of</p>	<p>\$585,000</p>	<p>\$585,000</p>



	<p>afterhours activities for some time. In 2016 Council hosted “Flicks in the Sticks”, an outdoor movie night. This event attracted over 200 patrons with many commenting to council staff about the need for a local cinema. This request also featured during community consultations for the development of the Corowa foreshore.</p> <p>During the 2016 Christmas school holidays the Corowa Golf Club hosts a week long cinema experience in their auditorium to test the concept. A total of 315 people attended and provided positive feedback about the proposed venture.</p> <p>Whilst the establishment of the cinema will be fully funded by the grant monies, all ongoing costs will be funded by the Golf Club.</p>		
15. Establishment of a Public Art and Historic Trail across the Council	<p>Federation Council has many sculptures and public art scattered throughout its towns as well as a rich and diverse range of historic buildings, structures, vintage farm machinery, waterways, birdlife and other natural micro tourism assets. This project is to identify, package and promote these assets as a Public Art and Historic Trail within Federation Council.</p> <p>It aims to encourage visitors to follow the trail to explore the sites and assist contribute to the local economy.</p> <p>The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit of items/locations of interest</li> <li>• The creation of 6 new pieces of art to be located in the smaller villages across the council including interpretive signage</li> <li>• Creation of signs, maps/guides (with QR codes)</li> <li>• Marketing and distribution plan</li> </ul> <p>Council will contribute \$15,000 from existing resources to this project.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 10-20 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$2,000.</p>	100,000	115,000
16. Roads throughout the Council	<p>Federation Council has a long list of roads which are in need of repair. The council does not have the financial resources to fund their repairs and the council does not have the capacity to complete the works within the next two years. Lack of repair will mean the damage will increase as will the cost of repairs.</p> <p>This project therefore is to engage tender contractors to complete works throughout the council on road prioritised for repair that are outside of the existing council budget.</p>	3,800,000	3,800,000

	<p>The list of road projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minor projects – township roads @ \$180,343</li><li>• Minor projects – regional roads @ \$1,308,489</li><li>• Minor projects – rural roads @ \$390,000</li><li>• Medium projects @ \$1,910,000</li></ul> <p>These projects would be 100% funded by the Stronger Communities Fund.</p> <p>Asset life estimated at 25 years. Annual maintenance costs estimated at \$200,000 (existing costs).</p>		
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