

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS TO EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
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ITEM NO. 1 - ADOPTION OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND ASSESSMENT PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

In July 2016, the Murrumbidgee Council Community Grants application package was developed and forwarded to many community organisations within the Council area. In addition, advertising was undertaken encouraging eligible committees and organisations to contact Council requesting a copy of the Fund Guidelines and Application Form.

In response Council received applications from many organisations for funding for 82 projects by the closing date of 8 August 2016. The application sought some \$5,904,196 in funding, across both the Stronger Communities Fund and the Community Infrastructure Fund.

The applications from each town were as follows:

- 35 applications received from Coleambally (please note the Coleambally Lions Club Tourism Display was split into two projects)
- 10 applications received from Darlington Point
- 37 applications received from Jerilderie

The Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel was formed shortly after applications for the Fund closed, by way of decision at the September Council meeting. The Panel comprises the Administrator, Ruth McRae - Chair of the Local Representation Committee, an independent Probity Advisor, a representative of the State Member for Albury, a representative of the State Member for Murray and Ms Trudi McDonald from the NSW Government Department of Premier and Cabinet.

33 projects have been recommended for funding. 19 projects have not been recommended for funding and 13 projects are recommended for funding under the \$9M Community Infrastructure Fund. 6 projects are recommended to be deferred and reconsidered should funding become available (in the event that any of the 33 projects recommended for approval, not proceed). 18 projects require additional information to then be considered for funding under the \$9M Community Infrastructure Fund

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The successful projects recommended for approval under Round One of the Murrumbidgee Council Stronger Communities Fund program are:

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL			
	Applicant	Project	Amount
1.	Jerilderie Community Gym	Purchasing of gym equipment for the community gym	\$47,695.18
2.	Sweatbox Community Gym Coleambally	Purchasing of new gym equipment, rubber flooring, commercial fans, TV's and DVD	\$33,410.34
3.	Coleambally Pistol Club	Building a new 10m x 18m clubhouse, a new pistol range and water tank	\$46,538.00
4.	Coleambally Clay Target Club	Construction of new trap houses from concrete with hinged steel tops and gas struts	\$49,786.00
5.	Jerilderie Tennis Club	Construction of a new multifunctional storage shed to replace white ant infested shed that will also include a purpose built disabled toilet allowing access to 5 user groups and visitors to the Sports Club	\$50,000.00
6.	Coleambally Squash Club	Resurfacing the walls of existing Coleambally squash courts	\$25,000.00
7.	Coleambally Preschool Solar Panels	Installation of solar panels to roof of pre-school	\$7,490.00
8.	Coleambally Lions Club	Purchase of new ride-on lawn mower	\$7,520.00
9.	Coleambally Preschool	Resurfacing of preschool floor and installation of a storage shed in preschool yard	\$12,554.00
10.	Jerilderie Tennis Club	Re-roofing of Jerilderie Sports Club building	\$49,179.54
11.	Coleambally Lions Club	Painting of Bucyrus Dragline	\$4,632.65
12.	Coleambally Chamber of Commerce	Equipment for community events for community organisations across the MC area	\$10,516.20
13.	Riverina Vintage Machinery Club, Coleambally	Purchasing of a portable building 6x4 with disabled access ramp to landing	\$45,100.00
14.	Coleambally Chamber of Commerce	Quilting workshops with renowned Australian artists	\$4,250.00
15.	Coleambally Community Club	Installation of playground and outdoor family area	\$50,000.00
16.	Coleambally Central School P & C	Building of a sandpit with water trough for experiments; and resurfacing of existing basketball court	\$50,000.00

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17.	Coleambally Water Ski Club	Construct new shade shelter	\$18,994.80
18.	Jerilderie CWA	Upgrading of toilet facility to include disabled access	\$15,700.00
19.	Jerilderie Cricket Club	Install seating, shade and access to practice nets	\$21,500.00
20.	Anglican Parish of Coleambally-Darlington Point	Installation of air conditioning at Darlington Point Hall	\$21,000.00
21.	Darlington Point Men's Shed	Construction of a meeting room, timber work/paint room. Improving the stormwater drainage of land and building north of main shed	\$50,000.00
22.	Jerilderie Football Club	Replace boundary fence and interchange facilities	\$39,674.00
23.	Jerilderie Preschool - Indoor Refurbishment	Refurbishing indoor areas. Removal/addition of walls/doors for positive additional to preschool	\$44,098.40
24.	Jerilderie Swimming Club	Upgrading of swimming equipment including lane ropes and new metal storage box.	\$5,055.67
25.	Coleambally Golf Club Inc	Automatic watering systems for fairways 3 & 9	\$49,060.00
26.	Coleambally Golf Club Inc	Automatic watering system for fairways 1 and 6	\$27,995.00
27.	Jerilderie Public School P & C	Changing the bark in the playground to soft fall rubber.	\$49,280.00
28.	Jerilderie Arts and Talent Society	Purchasing of sound equipment, smoke machine and head sets	\$10,725.00
29.	St Peters Primary School Coleambally	Replacing broken sections of school quadrangle with new concrete sections	\$30,990.00
30.	Coleambally Men's Shed	Construction of storage facility for donated used batteries, materials used for furniture restoring	\$43,729.34
31.	Coleambally Chamber of Commerce	Purchasing of sewing machines, over lockers and tables	\$23,235.00
32.	Murrumbidgee Shire Experimental Farm, Coleambally	Developing a 22ha section for farming	\$50,000.00
33.	Darlington Point Lions Club	Addition of extra BBQ and bench at Darlington Point Lions Club Park	\$20,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT (including GST)			\$1,014,709.10

Noting that the projects exceed \$1million in total, this report acknowledges that some of the projects will be delivered by Council in partnership with the successful entities. This will subsequently have implications for the management of the GST component of the projects and as such, Council is confident that its management of the funds will ensure compliance with the fund guidelines.

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The Assessment Panel recommends the following projects have merit to progress and be funded should residual funding become available within the Stronger Communities Fund. The projects are listed in no particular order:

RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL FUNDS			
	Applicant	Project	Amount
34.	Coleambally Community Club	Replace air-conditioning to club: render eastern and northern exterior walls and laser level the bowling greens (club priority 2)	\$58,180.00
35.	Jerilderie Sports Club	Upgrade bowling greens, facilities and surrounds	\$50,000.00
36.	Coleambally Motorcycle Club	Construct Clubhouse and provide water to racing track	\$50,000.00
37.	Coleambally Community Club	Upgrade auditorium and both dining rooms including new furniture (club priority 3)	\$67,410.00
38.	Coleambally Community Club	Upgrade main bar, toilet areas and poker machine room (club priority 4)	\$28,710.00
39.	Jerilderie Football Club	Installation of netting to protect cars and spectators	\$10,236.00

The Assessment Panel also gave consideration to projects eligible for funding under the \$9m Community Infrastructure Fund and makes the following recommendations. In making the recommendations the Panel was cognisant of the requirement to seek feedback from the community on the proposed projects. Accordingly, the Panel recommends approval of the following projects subject to Council seeking feedback from the community via appropriate advertisements of Council's intent to fund the applications.

It should be noted that many of the projects listed below are projects nominated by Section 355 Committees of Council. Advice received from the Department of Premier and Cabinet confirms that projects nominated by Section 355 Committees will be funded from the Community Infrastructure Fund.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND			
	Applicant	Project	Amount
40.	MC (Central Coree Community Hall – Section 355 Committee)	Upgrade Hall and play equipment	\$48,603.00
41.	MC (Balmeringa Senior Citizens Units)	Undertake kerbing and sealing of driveway and carpark	\$50,000.00
42.	Jerilderie Netball Club	Construction of 2 netball courts and associated infrastructure including lighting and seating.	\$204,535.30
43.	MC (Heritage Darlington Point -Section 355 Committee)	Purchase and installation of solar panelling for power for buildings	\$6,698.84

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44.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Installation of playground at Luke Park	\$84,246.80
45.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Install solar lighting on part of walkway between Memorial Park and Aquatic Club facility and at proposed exercise stations	\$13,167.00
46.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Installation of exercise stations around Lake Jerilderie.	\$43,942.80
47.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Installation of new additional seating in Luke Park and surrounds	\$29,029.00
48.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Installation of stage and sound shell structure at Luke Park	\$18,250.00
49.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Purchase of various items of equipment including ride on mower for maintenance activities that the Committee undertake on a voluntary basis	\$10,474.00
50.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Construction of footpath through Luke Park that improves connectivity between the heritage area and Lake Jerilderie	\$12,417.78

The Assessment Panel also will be seeking further information on the following 18 projects (amounting to \$3,516,369.37) before making a final decision for funding under either the Stronger Community Fund or the Community Infrastructure Fund:

REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION			
	Applicant	Project	Amount
51.	Jerilderie Aquatic Club	Project to minimise further erosion of banks of Lake Jerilderie	\$246,850.00
52.	Coleambally Lions Club	Placement of former turbine runner in Coleambally	\$15,092.00
53.	Jerilderie Cricket Club	Basketball court and associated infrastructure	\$21,500.00
54.	Coleambally Cricket Club	Upgrade of Number 3 Oval	\$48,576.00
55.	Heritage Darlington Point	Restoration of former police station	\$42,709.97
56.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Solar lighting for Jerilderie town entrance signs	\$9,874.50
57.	MC (Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee – Section 355 Committee)	Luke Park solar lighting	\$3,199.90
58.	Darlington Point - Coleambally Rugby League Club	Construction of female change rooms	\$148,657.00

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59.	Coleambally Football Netball Club	Female change rooms	\$50,000.00
60.	Jerilderie Apex Club	Jerilderie Community Retirement Aged Care Units	\$800,000.00
61.	Coleambally Football Netball Club	Improvements to Sports Oval Number 1 including new clubrooms above the existing stadium	\$800,000.00
62.	Jerilderie and District Race Club	Racecourse Amenities Block upgrade	\$250,000.00
63.	Jerilderie Preschool Kindergarten Inc.	Long Day Care Centre/ Preschool	\$500,000.00
64.	The Apex Club of Darlington Point	New Boat Ramp and Floating Jetty	\$500,000.00
65.	Darlington Point Community Garden	Construction of Community Garden	\$30,000.00
66.	Coleambally Pony Club	Purchase of generator and upgrade to club fencing and gates	\$6,642.72
67.	Jerilderie Sports Club	Construction of Shelter and seating together with pathway to Clubhouse and sealed car park	\$50,000.00
68.	Coleambally Chamber of Commerce	Brolga Place refurbishment	\$50,000.00

Murrumbidgee Council Merger Fund				
Approvals - Round 1				
	Darlington Point	Coleambally	Jerilderie	Total
	\$3.3M	\$3.3M	\$3.3M	\$10M
SCF Approved	\$91,000	\$590,801	\$332,908	\$1,014,709
CIF Approved	\$6,699	\$0	\$514,666	\$521,365
Total Approved	\$97,699	\$590,801	\$847,574	\$1,536,074
SCF Approved (subject to additional funds)	\$0	\$206,680	\$60,236	\$266,916
Sub-total	\$97,699	\$797,481	\$907,810	\$1,802,990
Balance of fund following Assessment Round 1	\$3,235,634	\$2,535,852	\$2,425,523	\$8,197,010
Projects requiring further information	\$721,367	\$963,668	\$1,831,424	\$3,516,459

SCF - Stronger Communities Fund
 CIF – Community Infrastructure Fund

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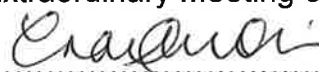
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Council adopt the recommendations made by the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel in relation to the Stronger Communities Fund as referenced in the body of this report and represented by projects numbered 1 to 33 in this report
- (b) That Council adopt the recommendations made by the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel in relation to the Council Infrastructure Fund, subject to undertaking community engagement on the projects listed hereunder:

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