

**ADDENDUM REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF
GREATER HUME COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, LIBRARY
COMPLEX, LIBRARY COURT, HOLBROOK
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL 2018**

OFFICER'S REPORT – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

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GOVERNANCE

2. STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND – ROUND 2

Addendum report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To present a report to Council for determination following a Council Workshop held on Monday 16 April 2018 to consider applications received from Community Organisations and Council initiated applications under the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Round 2.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Strategy Engage the community to develop Recreation Plans describing accessible and age friendly public facilities in our spaces and places – parks, playgrounds and reserves, public toilets, sporting fields, swimming pools, public halls

Action 4.1.2.2 Implement the upgrade and replacement program in accordance with budget allocations

DISCUSSION

Councillors will recall that at the March meeting of Council the timeline outlined in Table 1 was adopted for Round 2 of the SCCF.

Activity	Date for completion
Expressions of Interest information forwarded to sporting/community groups	Wednesday 14 March
Expressions of Interest from Sporting/Community Groups close	5pm, Wednesday 4 April
Expressions of Interest assessed and shortlisted by Council	Thursday 12 April
Shortlisted organisations will be contacted by Council to finalise applications for funding	Monday 16 April
Unsuccessful applicants advised by Council	Monday 16 April
Council to submit individual applications	5pm, Friday 4 May

At the closure of Expression of Interest phase 38 applications were received seeking funding totalling \$5,460,844.65. Advice was received from the NSW Office of Regional Development that Council has been allocated \$1,598,000.

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A Councillor Workshop was held on Monday, 16 April 2018 to consider the merits of the applications received and to develop a priority for submission to the Stronger Country Communities Fund Assessment Team for consideration.

Information distributed by the Office of Regional Development encouraged Councils to make multiple applications with a combined total value that exceeds their funding allocation.

Table 2 on Page 3 outlines details the projects recommended to be put forward in priority order.

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1	GHC - Council Halls Upgrade Project	Shire wide	Improvement works for various halls	CA	\$454,598.00	\$454,598.00
2	Brocklesby Recreation Reserve	Brocklesby	Function Rooms	SI	\$307,527.27	\$307,527.27
3	Walla Walla Sportsground Committee	Walla Walla	New Kiosk, Function Room & Amenities	SI	\$209,200.00	\$209,200.00
4	Bungowannah Tennis Club	Bungowannah	Tennis Fencing and Water Supply	SI	\$60,770.00	\$60,770.00
5	Walbundrie Recreation Ground	Walbundrie	Upgrade Facilities (footpaths, storage, seating, cricket nets, kitchen refit, toilet refit, tank, shelters, lighting etc	SI	\$318,172.00	\$150,000.00
6	Jindera & Gerogery West Tennis Clubs - Court Upgrade Project	Jindera	Resurface and repair 6 tennis courts and 2 light towers	SI	\$228,644.55	\$178,644.55
7	Jindera Country Golf Club	Jindera	Replace and reconstruct 6 putting greens	SI	\$56,584.00	\$56,584.00
8	Culcairn Sportsground Upgrade Project	Culcairn	Construction of purpose built Show Jump arena, playground and improvements to cricket infrastructure	SI	\$196,035.00	\$196,035.00
9	Henty Lions Club	Henty	Removal of waste, fencing, 3 shaded seating areas, gravel entry and parking area	CA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
10	Henty and District Lifestyle Centre Inc	Henty	Gym and Weight Equipment	SI	\$59,000.00	\$59,000.00

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12	GHC - Walla Skate area	Walla Walla	Skate Park	SI	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
13	Culcairn Swimming Pool Committee	Culcairn	Upgrade Toilets and change areas, add disabled facilities, kiosk upgrade	SI	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
14	GHC - Public Pools	Shire	Installation of Solar Systems in Public Pools	SI	\$148,876.00	\$148,876.00
15	Culcairn Tennis Committee	Culcairn	Fencing and Upgrade of Amenities Building	SI	\$68,000.00	\$50,000.00
					\$2,443,251.82	\$2,141,234.82

As can be seen from Table 2 it is proposed that Council submit 15 projects totalling \$2,141,234.82 when only \$1,598,000 is available to Council under the Stronger Country Communities Fund. Therefore it is emphasised that not all projects put forward will be funded through the program.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is not anticipated that Council will make any direct unbudgeted financial contributions to nominated projects therefore the program should not have an impact on Council's budgetary process. It should be noted however that Council will have the responsibility to ensure the Community Groups can complete the projects within the allocated funding and acquit the funding allocations in due course.

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CONCLUSION

Round 2 of the SCCF is a significant funding allocation from the NSW Government and provides the opportunity to fund a number of sporting and community projects that would not be possible otherwise.

The projects recommended to be put forward will make a real difference in the communities in which they will be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council submit 15 applications as detailed in the table below for funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund in the priority order detailed in the table.

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