



SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Thursday, 26 April 2018
1pm

at

Armidale Council Chambers

Members

Councillor Simon Murray (Mayor)
Councillor Dorothy Robinson (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Peter Bailey
Councillor Jon Galletly
Councillor Diane Gray
Councillor Libby Martin
Councillor Andrew Murat
Councillor Debra O'Brien
Councillor Margaret O'Connor
Councillor Ian Tiley
Councillor Bradley Widders

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Item: 10.1 **Ref:** AINT/2018/06671
Title: FOR DECISION: Stronger Country Community Fund (Supplementary Report) **Container:** ARC16/0875
Author: Greg Lawrence, Service Leader Economic Development and Marketing
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council rank the twelve (12) listed projects in order of merit; and
- b) That the grant applications be submitted by the 4 May 2018 closing date.

Background:

The NSW Government has increased the funding for Round 2 of the SCCF by an additional \$100 million for local sports infrastructure. A total of \$200 million will be available for local sports and amenity projects across Regional NSW. The adjusted Round 2 funding allocation for Armidale Regional Council is \$4,575,278 which includes the unspent allocation from Round 1 (\$1.275M) and double the allocation for Round 2 (\$3.3M). Applications close Friday 4 May 2018.

Half of Round 2 allocation (\$1.65M) is required to target local sports facilities.

Minimum grant amount is \$50,000 per project. When seeking grant funding of more than \$1 million for a single project, applicants must include a minimum financial co-contribution of at least 25%.

Councils are expected to work with sporting and other community groups to identify priority projects and submit applications on behalf of these organisations. Councils are encouraged to consider project partnerships, however only councils can submit an application.

Council is required to rank the applications in order of merit. Applications must be submitted on the 4 May 2018 at 5pm.

The following list details the projects submitted by the community as well as Armidale Regional Council (ARC). The project estimate and other funding requirements have been updated for the Super Playground, Hydrotherapy Facility and Hockey New England.

Grant	Ranking	Candidate Projects	Total \$ Estimate Only	Funding Required \$	Other Funding \$	Commentary	Lead
SCCF		Super Playground - Curtis Park	990,000	990,000		Super Playground similar to Tamworth	ARC
SCCF		Hydrotherapy Facility	1,200,000	900,000	Council 300,000	New Hydrotherapy facility - near Monkton Aquatic Centre	ARC

SCCF		Mother of Ducks Lagoon Upgrade	850,000	850,000	0	Upgrade to Mother of Ducks Lagoon	ARC
SCCF		Tingha Skate Park -Cover	150,000	150,000	0	New cover for skate park at Tingha	ARC
SCCF		Guyra Community Hub	400,000	400,000	0	Expansion of existing hub	Community
SCCF		Armidale Gymnastics Centre	1,400,000	1,050,000	AGC 350,000	Major expansion of AGC	Community
SCCF		Armidale Tennis Club	652,000	652,000	0	4 X synthetic grass courts and major improvements to amenities	Community
SCCF		North Armidale Tennis Club	52,000	52,000	0	Convert gravel court to synthetic grass	Community
SCCF		Guyra Polocrosse Club	200,000	200,000	0	New toilets and shower blocks	Community
SCCF		Guyra Gun Club	90,000	90,000	0	New toilets and shower blocks and increasing number of van sites	Community
SCCF		Hockey New England	500,000	500,000	0	Replacement of lighting; expansion of amenity block and canteen	Community
SCCF		New England Mountain Bike Club	150,000	150,000	0	Upgrade mountain bike track to international competition standard	Community
		Total	\$6,634,000	\$5,984,000	Council \$300,000 AGC \$350,000		

Key Issues and Risks

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to build and or upgrade key community infrastructure and to provide further key assets to assist in developing ARC area as a great place to live, work, play and invest.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Community Strategic Plan - Environment & Infrastructure

E3 – The community is provided with the essential and resilient infrastructure it requires for daily life, and has access to a prioritised schedule of infrastructure works

E3.4 - Allocate resources & investigate opportunities to access grants & funding to further improve infrastructure across the region.

E3.4.1 – Investigate opportunities and make application for grant funding

Stakeholder Engagement

Community consultation via Council social media as well as emails to sporting groups.

Councillor Workshop

Financial Implications

The Hydrotherapy Pool project requires council to contribute \$300,000. If successful, council would seek funding within the budget for the 2019-2020 financial year.

Next Steps

Council to rank the above projects so staff can meet the closing deadline of 4 May 2018.

Item: 13.8 **Ref:** AINT/2018/07349
Title: FOR INFORMATION: Rail Trail Business Case (Supplementary Report)
Container: ARC16/0085
Author: Greg Lawrence, Service Leader Economic Development and Marketing
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the progress report on the development of a business case/feasibility study for the New England Rail Trail, in accordance with Council's resolution of 28 February 2018.

Background:

At the 28 February 2018 Council Meeting, it was resolved (Minute 3/18) in respect to the development of the New England Rail Trail:

- a) That Council note its previous in principle support for a New England Rail Trial from Black Mountain to Ben Lomond as per the economic strategy that has already been adopted by Council.
- b) That Council:
 - Engage with the State Government following the community consultation conducted by the Office of Premier and Cabinet as to its current position on the New England Rail Trial
 - Conduct a comprehensive investigation and discovery of all relevant information and conduct extensive community consultation once the investigations have been completed as per the Economic Development Strategy.

The Economic Development team approached 3 consultants to provide quotes in line with council's procurement policy, for a business case including on going maintenance costs for the rail trail.

The quotes are from the following organisations:

1. SGS Economics & Planning
2. AEC Group
3. Mike Halliburton Assoc.

Mike Halliburton has been selected given his in depth experience in this field. It should be noted that the SGC quotes did not allow for any visits to the region and was very much a desktop study.

In addition AEC Group has been selected to undertake a desktop analysis of the commerciality of operating freight and passenger rail services in conjunction with the business case/feasibility study.

Key Issues and Risks

Key issue are ARC needs to fully understand the potential of a Rail Trail. What will this/ could this mean for Guyra and our region, as well as understanding the risks of not doing this. It is also imperative to understand the on going costs of maintaining rail trails.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Community Strategic Plan - Growth, Prosperity and Economic Development

G1.1 – Develop a strategy to promote the region as a destination for new residents and workers

G1.1.1 – Implement Economic Development Strategy (Tourism Strategy)

Stakeholder Engagement

Council workshop

Community Engagement

It is proposed to have another council workshop to present the findings of this study into rail trails.

Financial Implications

A budget allocation of \$50,000, for the rail trail business case/feasibility study and desktop analysis of freight and passenger rail services, will be funded from the Tourism & Economic Development Budget and if any options for grant funding arise council will apply.

Next Steps

It is envisaged that this study will take approximately 6 weeks and a council workshop will be held soon thereafter.