

STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - MAJOR PROJECTS



Dubbo Regional Council is investing \$9 million in new facilities in Dubbo, Wellington and the surrounding villages through the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund.

The 10 major projects that have been kick started with this injection of State funding are expected to have long-term economic and social benefit.

APPROVED PROJECTS

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Wellington Caves Visitor Experience Centre	<p>This project involves the development and construction of a new Visitor Experience Centre at the Wellington Caves Reserve that will provide a state of the art visitor experience.</p> <p>Designs will be developed to include a space for educational experiences and research and to protect and conserve historic artefacts, fossils and material collected from Wellington Caves Reserve.</p>	\$2,500,000
Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden Adventure Playground	<p>A new nature based adventure playground will be an exciting addition to the Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden and increase visitation rates.</p> <p>Plans have been developed which include a nature based playground for children, kiosk area and a senior gym to encourage senior members of our community to remain active and fit.</p> <p>The new adventure playground will have flow on effects to the local economy by encouraging families to extend a visit to Dubbo.</p>	\$1,300,000
Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden – Carpark	<p>Funding will be used to build a gravel carpark and bus parking area to provide off street parking for visitors to the Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden. The new carpark will be on the western side of the existing internal road way to make the site more accessible for disabled persons and the general public.</p>	\$240,000

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Wellington Pool Re-construction	<p data-bbox="429 374 868 546">Council is now planning for a complete rebuild of Wellington pool changing the face of the popular facility and modernising an important community asset.</p> <p data-bbox="429 591 868 763">The pool walls have been found to be structurally unsound. While temporary remediation work has been done redevelopment is the only long-term solution.</p> <p data-bbox="429 808 868 1016">The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$7.5 million. Matching funds for this project are being sought through a combination of Council and the Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund.</p>	\$3,000,000
Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre Aquatic Playground	<p data-bbox="429 1088 903 1301">Families are sure to love the new Aquatic Playground planned for the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre. The new feature will let young children explore and participate in aquatic play that is more than just swimming.</p> <p data-bbox="429 1346 903 1442">It is also expected the new play area will attract more patrons and greater utilisation by family groups.</p>	\$800,000

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Cameron Park Regional Playground	<p>This project will revitalise Wellington's central park which is used for a wide range of activities including markets, community events, rest and recreation. It will also provide incentive for travellers to stop and utilise the facilities such as playground, toilets and BBQs which will provide an economic stimulus to the Wellington CBD.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is \$630,000 with the balance of funding being reallocated from the Cobbara Transition Fund.</p>	\$280,000
Geurie Multi Court Facility and Playground equipment	<p>The Geurie asphalt tennis courts will be resurfaced and converted to a multi-sport court and include hoops, backboards and line marking. There is also an opportunity to re-fence this area completing the facility.</p>	\$245,000

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Installation of a New Gross Pollutant Trap (West Dubbo Main Drain Outfall into Macquarie River)	<p>This is considered the priority location for Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) installation within the urban area of Dubbo.</p> <p>The Dubbo community has over recent years expressed dissatisfaction with the gross pollutants entering the Macquarie River – this included public meetings facilitated by Council to establish priorities for addressing the environmental health of the river.</p> <p>The former Dubbo City Council resolved “That Council review the overall prioritisation of GPT installations throughout the City in conjunction with the 2016/2017 budget preparation process.” This project is consistent with this strategic direction.</p> <p>The GPT would trap items such as bottles, plastic, leaf litter and packaging. Council would have a relatively small increase in operating costs to ensure the GPTs are serviced appropriately.</p>	\$198,540
Moxon Park Improvements - Stuart Town	<p>This project will complete works in Moxon Park to help beautify the village. Work to be completed included a new Iron Bark rear fence, new softfall under the playground and a crushed granite walkway to link Moxon Park and Boehmes Hall.</p>	\$85,000

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Euchareena Local Projects	A new playground in Euchareena is part of the improvements to be funded in this project. Other work in the village include new Cemetery fencing with an iron bark post and rail at the entrance and graveled laneway to the public school improving safety and access.	\$84,700

The funding allocations were determined by an assessment panel comprising the Member for Dubbo the Hon Troy Grant MP, Dubbo Regional Council's Administrator Michael Kneipp, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Director Greater Western NSW, Alison Morgan and overseen by Michael McKenna from Luka Group Accounting as a probity adviser.

ABOUT THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND

The Stronger Communities Fund is an initiative of the NSW Government which has provided funds to new Councils. Dubbo Regional Council received \$10 million. \$9 million has been allocated to Major Projects to be delivered by Council over the next three years and \$1 million has been allocated to Community Grants across three rounds: \$350,000 in 2016/2017, \$350,000 in 2017/2018 and \$300,000 in 2018/2019.

Dubbo Regional Council was allocated \$10 million under the Stronger Communities Fund in 2016. Council is delivering the Fund through two programs:

- **Community Grant Program** – allocation of up to \$1 million for incorporated not-for-profit community groups to deliver projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities.
- **Major Projects Program** – allocation of up to \$9 million for Council to deliver larger scale priority infrastructure and service projects.

For more information on the establishment of the Stronger Communities Fund please visit the NSW Government's Stronger Councils - Stronger Communities website.

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