



**SNOWY MONARO**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**SUPPLEMENTARY**  
**LATE REPORT**  
PUBLIC EXHIBITION COPY

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**30 August 2017**



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSONER STREET, COOMA NSW  
2630**

**ON WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2017  
COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

**SUPPLEMENTARY LATE REPORT**

**16. CORPORATE BUSINESS - KEY DIRECTION 7. PROVIDING EFFECTIVE CIVIC  
LEADERSHIP AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

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## 16.2 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND 2017-18 - SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROJECT NOMINATION LIST

Record No:

Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate & Community Services
Author:	Grants Officer
Key Direction:	7. Providing Effective Civic Leadership and Citizen Participation
Delivery Plan Strategy:	DP7.2.1.1 Increase and improve Council's financial sustainability.
Operational Plan Action:	OP7.16 Effective management of Council funds to ensure financial sustainability.
Attachments:	1. Stronger Country Communities Fund - Fact Sheet
Cost Centre	4010 – Finance (Grants Management)
Project	To Be Confirmed – Various Projects
Further Operational Plan Actions:	OP7.7 Provide timely, accurate and relevant information to Council to enable informed decision making.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NSW Government's 'Stronger Country Communities Fund' (SCCF) is investing in infrastructure projects in regional NSW communities to improve the lives of residents and enhance the attractiveness of these areas as vibrant places to live and work. Projects submitted should be able to commence within a 12-month time period and ideally be completed within two years of funding approval. Applications are to be lodged via online portal, with a variety of evidentiary information and supporting details required.

- Council has approval to lodge under SCCF 2017/18 Tranche B - Application Close Date: 3pm, 13 September 2017.
- Snowy Monaro Regional Council's funding allocation - SCCF 2017/18 \$2 363 067 (Ex GST); SCCF 2018/19 \$2 363 067 (Ex GST).
- Balance of funds for SCCF 2017/18 can be rolled into the 2018/19 allocation, if not fully assigned &/or expended.
- SCCF funding is confirmed as not having any requirement to be equally distributed based on former LGA areas.
- SCCF parameters are likely to continue evolving as the NSW Government absorbs stakeholder and community feedback.

The following officer's recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

A. Resolve to action Stronger Country Communities Fund 2017/18 applications for the following eight (8) projects:

- 1) Cooma Truck Wash Upgrade - \$361 093
- 2) West Lynne Road - New Causeway Infrastructure at Grosses Creek Crossing - \$418 000

- 3) Dry Plains Road - New Causeway Infrastructure at Bridle Creek Crossing - \$403 000
  - 4) Bombala Racecourse Amenity Improvement Works - \$367 987
  - 5) Jindabyne Boat Ramp Facility & Beautification Upgrades - \$250 000
  - 6) Bombala Platypus Reserve Upgrades - \$367 987
  - 7) Upgrade to foyer and change rooms at Cooma Basketball & Gymnastics Facility - \$160 000
  - 8) Cooma North Shops Playground Upgrade - \$35 000
- Total Grant Request Amount \$2 363 067 (Ex GST)

- B. Indicate the order of priority that the projects should be listed in – This being a requirement of the online SCCF application process. Note: The number sequencing in Section A is a Grants Office recommendation for the priority list order.
- C. Recognise that the SCCF grant request amounts referenced for each project are indicative only at the time of this report; figures may be subject to change as plans and detailed budget investigations progress.
- D. Receive and note the requirement for Council (post 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 election outcome) to consider project priorities for SCCF 2018/19 so that well scoped application builds can be advanced.

## BACKGROUND

On Friday 4th August 2017 Council representatives met with Minister Barilaro's delegate, Rowan Carter in regards to the roll out of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF).

Council Attendees: Dean Lynch, Peter Cannizzaro, Linda Nicholson & Teena Paterson.

The projects tabled in this document have been selected after thorough internal review, and our considerations have been informed by feedback from the Member for Monaro's office relating to project delivery expectations and community benefit aspects.

## QUADRUPLE BOTTOM LINE REPORTING

### 1. Social

All 7 Community Strategic Plan (CSP) key directions benefit from collaboration, advocacy and seeking additional funding streams. The nominated projects are diverse in nature, with Council striving to better reflect modern infrastructure requirements and community expectations.

### 2. Environmental

The content and recommendations of this report is not considered to have any detrimental environmental impacts.

### 3. Economic

A concerted approach to advocating and identifying appropriate grant funding opportunities for Council initiatives, on behalf of the community, improves the financial sustainability of Council. Some of the projects referenced in this report seek funding for elements that will integrate with other funding streams &/or sources to deliver enhanced value for the community.

### 4. Civic Leadership

A proactive grant sourcing approach, when combined with project prioritisation (and the subsequent matching to a suitable funding stream), aligns strongly with the role and responsibilities of Council as set out in the Local Government Act;

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Specifically, Council's Charter defined in Section 8 of the Act:

- To raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants
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The Stronger Country Communities Fund is investing in infrastructure projects in regional NSW communities to improve the lives of residents and enhance the attractiveness of these areas as vibrant places to live and work.

The NSW Government has committed \$200 million over the next two years for applications to support local infrastructure projects that will improve amenity and help sustain the social bonds at the heart of strong regional communities.

We will support projects that involve:

- **building new community facilities** (such as parks, playgrounds, walking and cycle pathways)
- **refurbishing existing local facilities** (such as community centres and libraries)
- **enhancing local parks and the supporting facilities** (such as kitchens and toilet blocks).

Local councils must consult with their communities to identify project proposals that meet community needs and aspirations. We will give priority to projects that provide local jobs and support local businesses.

#### HOW TO APPLY

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is available to all 92 NSW regional local government areas (outside Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong), Lord Howe Island and the Unincorporated Far West. State government agencies and non-government organisations can submit eligible community infrastructure projects, in partnership with local councils.

#### 2017 KEY DATES

There are three application tranches scheduled for 2017 in round one. (Councils will be informed which tranche they have been allocated. Councils must apply in the tranche which they have been assigned.)

The schedule is:

- **Tranche A applications**  
open 7 July, close 9 August 2017
- **Tranche B applications**  
open 16 August, close 13 September 2017
- **Tranche C applications**  
open 20 September, close 18 October 2017

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities](http://www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities)