



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of Wentworth Shire Council will be held in the **WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SHORT STREET, WENTWORTH**, commencing at **6:30PM**.

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Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office whereby they have declared and affirmed that they will undertake the duties of the Office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Wentworth Shire and the Wentworth Shire Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

KEN ROSS
GENERAL MANAGER

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AGENDA 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

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6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

6.1 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PHASE 3 EXTENSION

File Number: RPT/22/552

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council received notification from the NSW Government advising of an additional funding allocation equal to Council's Phase 1 allocation of \$1,278,207 under the NSW Government Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Extension.

This extended program will continue to assist local Councils to deliver local road and community infrastructure projects and create local job opportunities.

The funding will be available from 1 July 2023 and all approved projects must be completed by 30 June 2024.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the following projects under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Extension, subject to final confirmation from the funding body that the program will be funded.

1. Wentworth Astronomy Park \$700,000 ex GST
2. Perry Sandhills Loop Road \$200,000 ex GST
3. Wentworth Riverfront Short Term Mooring Upgrade \$100,000 ex GST
4. Buronga Toilet Block Upgrade \$278,207 ex GST

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an additional funding allocation under the NSW Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Extension and seek endorsement for application to be made for the nominated projects.

Background

An audit of "wish list" projects has been undertaken and consideration has also been given to current projects that require additional funding to complete.

Following investigation, the projects detailed below have been assessed as the best utilisation of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program funds as they are "shovel ready" and can be delivered within the program timeline.

Identified Projects

<p>Wentworth Astronomy Park Council received \$670,000 from the Crown Land Improvement Fund to commence this project. Additional stakeholder engagement led to the development of a concept plan that was presented to Council in May 2022. This funding will allow the project to be completed without having to stage it while trying to secure additional funding.</p> <p>Additional Information Crown Land funding \$670,000 This funding \$700,000 Total \$1,370,000</p> <p>Expenditure: Already expended \$23,315.79 Committed funds \$30,580.00 Site Remediation \$120,000.00 Indicative Project Cost \$1,145,000.00 Total \$1,318,895.79</p> <p>Balance \$51,104.21</p> <p>Also, the \$670k can only be spent on that reserve. We could use some of the funds to undertake the site remediation but would have to return any unexpended funds if the project doesn't go ahead.</p>	\$700,000 ex GST
<p>Perry Sandhills Loop Road Upgrade of existing loop to an all-weather surface providing appropriate access to local iconic features of Perry Sand Hills and Thegoa Lagoon</p>	\$200,000 ex GST
<p>Wentworth Riverfront Short Term Mooring Upgrade Installation of power heads and upgrade associated infrastructure to encourage house boats to extend overnight visitations at the Wentworth Riverfront.</p>	\$100,000 ex GST
<p>Buronga Silver City Highway Toilet Block Upgrade Demolish the existing toilet block and replace with a contemporary fit for purpose toilet block including compliant disability access. This project will help Council work towards commitments outlined in the Disability Inclusion Action.</p>	\$278,207 ex GST
TOTAL	\$1,278,207 ex GST

Conclusion

Council has received an allocation of \$1,278,207 under the NSW Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Extension with all approved projects to be completed prior to 30 June 2024.

This funding stream is a Federal Government initiative and was announced by the previous Federal Government. Council is still awaiting a commitment from the new Federal Government that they will honor the commitment of the previous government.

Therefore, it is recommendation of the reporting officer that projects proposed for this funding stream be endorsed in principal subject to confirmation that the funding will be made available.

Attachments

Nil

6.2 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS ROUND 9

File Number: RPT/22/553

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council received notification from the NSW Government advising of an additional funding allocation of \$3,608,069 under the Resources for Regions Round 9 funding stream. This is the total amount of funding allocated which is made up of a base amount of \$2 million, with further weighted funding based on the mining employment location quotient.

Council is required to identify and submit eligible projects to the Department of Regional NSW for consideration.

Whilst the funding is a guaranteed amount, applications still have to be submitted closing on 30 September 2022. All approved projects must to be completed within 3 years of receiving the funds.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the following projects under Resources for Regions Round 9 funding and that applications be submitted for:

- a) Buronga Pump Track Stage 2 \$400,000 ex GST
- b) Greater Murray Darling Junction Viewing Platform \$350,000 ex GST
- c) Wentworth Showgrounds Camp Kitchen \$200,000 ex GST
- d) Pooncarie Racecourse Kitchen Upgrade \$200,000 ex GST
- e) Wentworth Sporting Complex Bowling Green \$200,000 ex GST
- f) Open Spaces Upgrades - \$600,000 ex GST
- g) Alcheringa Tennis Court upgrade \$150,000 ex GST
- h) Buronga/Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan \$100,000 ex GST
- i) Dareton Pioneer Museum Business Case \$55,000 ex GST
- j) Dareton Main Street Upgrade \$400,000 ex GST
- k) Buronga/Gol Gol Footpath & Sharedways \$500,000 ex GST
- l) Darling Street Footpaths \$453,069 ex GST

Detailed Report**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an additional funding allocation under the NSW Government Resources for Regions Round 9 and seek endorsement of potential projects.

Background

An audit of Council and community group “wish list” projects has been undertaken, following investigation, the projects detailed below have been assessed as the best utilisation of the Resources for Regions funds as they can be delivered within the program timeline.

It is envisaged that a (4) to six (6) week assessment period will apply to all applications with no work to commence prior to approval.

Identified Projects

Buronga Pump Track Stage 2 Installation of stage two (2) of the Buronga Riverfront Pump Track and formalisation of existing car parking as outlined in the Buronga Riverfront Master Plan	\$400,000 ex GST
Greater Murray Darling Junction Viewing Platform Installation of 9x8m viewing platform with associated approaches at the confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers.	\$350,000 ex GST
Wentworth Showgrounds Camp Kitchen Replacement of existing facilities that are no longer fit for purpose	\$200,000 ex GST
Pooncarie Racecourse Kitchen upgrade Replacement of existing facilities to cater for increased use of the reserve.	\$200,000 ex GST
Wentworth Sporting Complex Bowling Green Replacement of existing second bowling green at the Wentworth Sporting Complex	\$200,000 ex GST
Open Spaces Upgrades Upgrades and improvements to the following open spaces: Wurlong Drive - \$100,000 Installation of playground equipment Drainage Basin #4 - \$500,000 Formalisation of open space areas and construction of sharedway linking Dawn Ave to Summer Drive.	\$600,000 ex GST
Alcheringa Tennis Courts Upgrade Resurfacing of four (4) courts and conversation of overhead lighting to environmentally sustainable LED globes.	\$150,000 ex GST
Buronga/Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan Development of a master plan to consider the existing and future sporting needs of the Buronga/Gol Gol community.	\$100,000 ex GST
Dareton Pioneer Museum Business Case Development of a business case to support funding for the construction of a Pioneer Museum in Dareton.	\$55,000 ex GST
Dareton Main Street Upgrade Beautification works within the Dareton Main Street area to coincide with the Dareton Centenary Celebrations.	\$400,000 ex GST
Buronga/Gol Gol Footpaths & Sharedways Upgrade to existing Sharedway between Buronga and Gol Gol and the installation of new footpaths in high need areas within the Buronga and Gol Gol townships.	\$500,000 ex GST

Darling Street Footpaths Upgrade of footpaths in Wentworth shopping precinct to rectify safety concerns identified by shop keepers and residents.	\$453,069 ex GST
TOTAL	\$3,608,069 ex GST

Conclusion

Council has received an allocation of \$3,608,069 under the NSW Government Resources for Regions Round 9 funding stream.

Attachments

Nil

6.3 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND - ROUND 5

File Number: RPT/22/554

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
 Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council received notification from the NSW Government advising of a funding allocation of \$1,351,833 of which \$936,108 is available to Council as the applicant with the balance of the allocation open only to eligible community organisations. Council is encouraged to partner with community groups as the lead applicant where the project involves council-owned infrastructure.

Whilst the funding is a guaranteed amount, applications still have to be submitted closing on 23 September 2022. All approved projects are required to be completed within 3 years of receiving the funds.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the following projects under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 funding and that applications be submitted for:

- a) Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket nets \$200,000 ex GST
- b) George Gordon Sporting Complex Netball courts and Female changerooms \$560,000 ex GST
- c) Wentworth Aerodrome Works \$176,108 ex GST.

Detailed Report**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a funding allocation under the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 and seek endorsement of potential projects.

Background

An audit of a "wish list" of Council and community initiated projects has been undertaken, following investigation, the projects detailed below have been assessed as the best utilisation of the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 as they can be delivered within the program timeline.

It is envisaged that a (4) to six (6) week assessment period will apply to all applications with no work to commence prior to approval.

Identified Projects

Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket nets Workers/Gol Gol Cricket Club has secured \$300,000 funding from the Club Grants Category three (3) program for this project. The additional \$200,000 will allow the project to completed within the existing scope.	\$200,000 ex GST
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George Gordon Sporting Complex netball courts and female change rooms. Replace existing bitumen surface with a concrete surface to rectify significant cracking issue in the existing surface. Will result in a substantial saving in ongoing maintenance in relation to the existing surface and will also eliminate a potential WHS issue for players. The project will also contribute to an upgrade to the existing female change rooms at the precinct to cater for increased female participation in netball, AFL and cricket.	\$560,000 ex GST
Wentworth Aerodrome Works Works include the following: Future hanger works including power installation for future hangars, additional minor sealing and RNAV approach	\$176,108 ex GST
TOTAL	\$936,108 ex GST

Additional to the above amount there is a Community stream (\$415,725) of this funding round. Community groups may make application for their respective projects without consultation with Council.

Conclusion

Wentworth Shire Council Local Government area has received a funding allocation of \$1,351,833 of which \$936,108 is available to Council as the applicant. As outlined in this report, Council has a number of identified projects that are eligible for this funding.

Attachments

Nil

7 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

28 September 2022