

# Media Release

## Community respond to Infrastructure Spending

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) administrator Stephen Sykes has welcomed the community responses in relation to major projects under consideration from the Stronger Communities Fund.

“We have received over 90 replies from the community either ranking, commenting or supporting an array of major projects to be considered for funding.” Mr Sykes said today.

The Stronger Communities Fund has been established by the NSW State Government to provide councils with funding to kick start the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council was granted \$10 million as a result of the merger between the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Councils.

Some 1.1 million of this grant has already been allocated to community groups.

A joint IAG and LRC committee meeting was held today to discuss the 20 projects that were advertised for community feedback.

Mr Sykes thanked the community for embracing the projects and giving council valuable feedback.

“The information we have received from our website, via email and in hard copy formats certainly gives our council valuable information going forward on what the community see as important projects we should undertake,” he said.

In addressing their final meeting Mr Sykes also expressed his appreciation to members of the respective IAG and LRC committees.

“You have provided me with open, honest and fearless advice and information in my time as administrator and I’d like to thank you all for your input,” he said.

Council expects to make final decisions on the major projects to be undertaken in the next few weeks.

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