

Media Release

Strikers Covered

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Cootamundra Strikers Soccer Club Inc – Stronger Communities Fund O’Connor Park Awning & Spectator/Player Shelters.

The Cootamundra Strikers Soccer Club have scored another goal this year, making further improvements to their O’Connor Park venue. The club were successful in obtaining a grant through the Stronger Communities Fund, which was dispensed by the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and the NSW State Government.

The \$27,348 project has seen an awning erected at the front of the canteen and amenities block and a shelter constructed for spectators and players on the sideline of the field.

With 120 active members, spectators and visitors the O’Connor Park venue hosts quite a crowd on home game weekends. The club has also hosted NSW State League clubs including the Wagga City Wanderers, University of NSW and St George Football clubs.

In past years, spectators and supporters have had to watch games from their cars particularly when the weather is inclement, the new shelter has encouraged game lovers to venture out of their vehicles and cheer from the sidelines. The awning at the canteen and amenities area has seen this area well used by all, keeping the serving area dry on wet days, and the wind at bay.

Strikers President James Philpott said the installation and infrastructure improvements will attract a wider supporter base from the Cootamundra community.

“These shelters will enable spectators, players, committee members and canteen staff to be protected from the elements which can be from the hot sun at the beginning of the season to the cold and rain of winter,” James added.

CGRC’s Administrator Stephen Sykes, said the new additions could see visitor numbers from opposing teams increase.

“Visitors to the community are always a positive, bringing people together through sport has far reaching benefits”, Stephen said.

Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson MP is pleased to support the Cootamundra Strikers Soccer Club Inc through the NSW Government’s Stronger Communities program.

“It’s fantastic when community organisations have the infrastructure they need to provide a better experience for their members, and to help grow participation in club activities,” Katrina said.

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Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson presents a plaque recognising the Stronger Communities Fund grant to the Cootamundra Strikers Club president James Philpott (left) and Gerry O'Brien (right) grants officer, under the awning erected at canteen and amenities area. The spectator shelter is pictured in the background, both structures were made possible with funds from the Stronger Communities Fund.



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