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STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND DELIVERS MORE FUNDS FOR FISHER PARK

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The NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund initiative has granted Cootamundra Rugby League Club (The Bulldogs) \$10,500 to upgrade seating on the Frank Smith Grandstand and make much needed improvements to the canteen servery areas. Administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council the funds will allow the club to make repairs to two top rows of seats in the iconic stand. New stainless steel benches will also be installed in the clubs canteen, making the area cleaner, safer and user friendly.

Bulldogs club committee member Mick Dabin said much of the work will be carried out with a combination of contracted local trades and volunteer labour.

"Within our club structure we have a number of people who are builders and of a trade background which provides the club with the expertise to deliver this project successfully," Dabin said.

Fisher Park is the number one sporting facility in Cootamundra and is used predominately as a rugby league oval in winter and in summer cricket and touch football are the main users. The oval is also used by schools, the NRL and CRL as a sporting venue along with other community events including the annual Wattle Time Fair and Lions Christmas Carnival. All these activities bring the groups using Fisher Park, economic, social and cultural benefits. The Frank Smith Grandstand is the focal point of Fisher Park. The canteen is the only permanent catering facility in the park, this project will improve the capacity to support all events and activities held on Fisher Park.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council mayor Cr Abb McAlister said both council and the club have maintained facilities at Fisher Park for over 25 years.

"This project will further enhance the amenities at Fisher Park, along with other improvements council has planned with the Stronger Communities Fund major projects, this oval will be a modern, well equipped facility," Cr McAlister said.

Work has commenced on the canteen area, and expected to be completed soon, whilst the grandstand seating upgrade is expected to commence early in 2018.

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