

## Media Release

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### **Tumblong War Memorial Hall wired up.**

The Stronger Communities Fund has ensured the Tumblong War Memorial Hall is equipped for the future needs of the community.

The Fund a NSW State Government initiative and administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has enabled community organisations across the council area to upgrade, update, refurbish, renew and revitalise halls, parks, sporting equipment and amenities since the beginning of 2017. Over \$1 million dollars was distributed through the fund to community organisations in the form of grants.

The Tumblong War Memorial Hall and Citizens Association applied to CGRC for a grant to upgrade the kitchen facilities in their local hall. Being successful with their grant application to the tune of \$15321 meant the hard working committee members of this tiny village were able to get to work.

The hall, a substantial and impressive brick structure with subtle art deco features was constructed in 1954, and opened by the then NSW Attorney General, Hon WF Sheahan. It is unmistakable the hall has been well utilised over the years.

Although the initial SCF grant was obtained to upgrade the kitchen and catering facilities, when work commenced it became evident that the electrical system throughout the building was in urgent need of replacement and modernisation, to accommodate increased loads and ensure the building was compliant with current safety standards.

The committee reapplied to CGRC for an amendment to their application requesting the redirection of funds to allow the renewal of the electrical system. The application was approved by CGRC General Manager, Allen Dwyer and work commenced. Now complete the hall boasts new lights both inside and out, a new electrical board, wiring and emergency exit lights installed above all the exit doors.

President of Tumblong War Memorial Hall and Citizens committee Dan McDonnell said the new wiring has now ensured the safety of the building and users for many years to come.

“Our initial plans had included some electrical work, however we discovered that the old wiring needed to be replaced, and upgraded. It wasn’t viable to replace the kitchen facilities without addressing the electrics first,” Mr O’Donnell said.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council mayor Cr Abb McAlister said he was pleased the grant funds were redirected to ensure the future needs and safety of the hall and users were maintained.

“The Stronger Communities Fund has ensured projects such as the Tumblong Hall have had much needed funds available. Whilst the original grant may have been for a kitchen upgrade, when it

became apparent the electrical system was in need of renewal it was a wiser decision to redirect the funds in that direction,” Cr McAlister said.

The committee will continue to fund raise and hope that the long awaited kitchen renovation will happen in the near future.

Picture and caption:

Tumblong War Memorial Hall now boasts a completely new electrical system, ensuring the future viability, safety and needs of the hall and users has been addressed.



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