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# **BUSINESS PAPER**

## **Additional Items**

### **Ordinary Council Meeting**

### **2 February 2021**

**Warwick Bennett**  
**General Manager**



We hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:  
 Tuesday, 2 February 2021 at 6.00pm  
 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
 184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn

## Order Of Business

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**Cr Bob Kirk**  
**Mayor**

**Warwick Bennett**  
**General Manager**

**15 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION****15.17 BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND****Author:** Warwick Bennett, General Manager**Authoriser:** Warwick Bennett, General Manager**Attachments:** Nil

<b>Link to Community Strategic Plan:</b>	Our Infrastructure – IN4 – Developing Community Infrastructure
<b>Cost to Council:</b>	At this time the cost of implementing this recommendation is staff time. However if the Shibetsu Gardens application is successful Council will need to adjust budgets to fund the co- contribution
<b>Use of Reserve Funds:</b>	Nil at this time

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report the report from the General Manager on the Building Better Region Fund be received
2. Council makes the following application for the Building Better Regions Fund
  - Shibetsu Gardens – Victoria Park – for \$500,000 with Council acknowledging that a co-contribution of 50% will be required if the grant application is successful
  - The Goulburn to Crookwell Rail Trail – a joint application with the Upper Lachlan Shire Council to the value of \$14.2 Million total cost and this grant application is for \$7.1 million with the co-contribution coming from State Government. Council to note at this time that no formal application has been sought from State Government and Council would be including in its application to this fund that any grant funding would be subject to receiving the balance of the 50% from the State Government as the Council contribution.

**BACKGROUND**

Round 5 of Building Better Regions Fund have opened with applications required to be submitted by 5 March 2021.

**REPORT**

The Federal Government has announced another round for the Building Better Regions Fund. The focus on this round is tourism. The closing date is the 5 March 2021. We have two recommendations that we believe would meet the criteria for this Fund. They are:

1. The Goulburn to Crookwell Rail Trail – a joint application with the Upper Lachlan Shire Council for a grant of \$7.1 Million. The total project cost is estimated at \$14.2 Million and would be subject to the two Councils making a further joint application to the State Government for the 50% balance which would be acknowledged as the Council's contribution to this project.
2. Shibetsu Gardens – This project would meet the tourism aspect of this fund and would very nicely complete Victoria Park. Coupled with the redevelopment of the Aquatic Centre, the Adventure Playground, Seiffert Oval and the Re-Use Scheme, Victoria Park is becoming a major events centre for Goulburn. To complete the Shibetsu Gardens would make Victoria Park the completed tourism attraction in Goulburn. The recommendation in this report is for a \$500,000 application of which Council would need to fund 50% being \$250,000

Other options could be:

1. Undertake another 2 blocks in the upgrade of Auburn Street
2. An extension of the Walking Track
3. Community Centre Development

The criteria and guidelines for Round 5 of this Fund is as follows:-

#### Summary

\$200 million is available for this Round, with \$100 million of this dedicated to tourism-related infrastructure projects.

#### Objectives

- Drive economic growth
- Build stronger regional communities into the future.

#### Outcomes:

- Create jobs
- Have a positive impact on economic activity, including Indigenous economic participation through employment and supplier-use outcomes
- Enhance community facilities
- Enhance leadership capacity
- Encourage community cohesion and a sense of identity.

There are two grant opportunity streams as part of this program:

#### Community Investments Stream

- Will fund new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, or leadership and capability strengthening activities that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

#### Infrastructure Projects Stream

- Of which \$100 million is for tourism-related infrastructure projects under the Infrastructure Projects Stream
- Non tourism related projects share in the Community Investment Streams \$100 Million budget

#### Grant amounts:

The minimum grant amount is \$20,000

The maximum grant amount is \$10 million

#### Co-contribution

50% (cash) unless exceptional circumstances or a remote/very remote region.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Economic benefits
- Social benefits
- Capacity to deliver
- Impact of funding on your project

**15.18 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS****Author:** Warwick Bennett, General Manager**Authoriser:** Warwick Bennett, General Manager

**Attachments:** 1. Roberts Park Concept Design [!\[\]\(950a62bbddad88d64435fd35607dfc42\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(80ae2b64037a63e4dd106d2cfb4205ab\_img.jpg\)](#)  
 2. Wollondilly Walking Track - Amenities Location [!\[\]\(9e6b464392878bce7cea642e72141689\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(f5a23b4dd22b63e9bd2a86f3cac27ff1\_img.jpg\)](#)

<b>Link to Community Strategic Plan:</b>	Our Infrastructure IN4 – maintaining community Infrastructure
<b>Cost to Council:</b>	The cost of these project being \$1,584,000 would be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant and no Council funds are required other than staff time to manage the projects
<b>Use of Reserve Funds:</b>	Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The report of the General Manager on the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grants be received
2. Council allocates the \$1,584,000 from this grant funding scheme as follows
  - Stage 1 – Waste Management Centre Renewal - \$1,084,000
  - Upgrade Landscaping at Roberts Park, Goulburn - \$100,000
  - Toilet Facilities on Wollondilly Walking Track – Kenmore Street - \$100,000
  - Footpaths in our villages - \$300,000
3. The General Manager undertakes consultation with the Village Community Groups to determine the priority list for footpath development in the villages.

**BACKGROUND**

The Federal Government announced in the 2020 budget the second round of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant. The allocation to this Council is \$1,584,000. No co-contribution is required.

**REPORT**

The second round of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant is now available to Council with our allocation being \$1,584,000. The decision for the projects for this fund is non-competitive and if the projects meet the criteria then they will be approved

The criteria for the fund is as follows:-

- Deed has been signed by both parties
- This program is a temporary, targeted stimulus measure responding to economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Physical completion of projects by 31 December 2021
- Projects can commence once Work Schedules are approved – The funding will be lost if not applied for by draft Work Schedule by 31 July 2021

**Outcomes:**

- Provide stimulus to protect and create local short-term employment opportunities through funding construction projects
- Deliver benefits to communities, such as road safety, accessibility and visual amenity

**Eligible Road Projects:**

- Traffic signs, control equipment, street equipment, bridge or tunnel, rest area, road and sidewalk maintenance additional to normal capital works
- Construction, maintenance and/or improvements to council-owned assets that are generally accessible to the public
- Benefits to community include improved accessibility, visual amenity, and/or safety
- Proof of maintaining capital expenditure is a requirement to receive full Phase 2 allocation
- Co-contribution not required

This report is recommending three projects to be funded from the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Grant. They are as follows

- Stage 1 – Waste Management Centre Renewal – this is a \$7.5million project which is included in Councils forward budget. The project has been determined to be funded by a combination of cash, grants and loans. The recommendation is that \$1,084,000 of this grant allocation be expended on this project.
- Upgrade Roberts Park – this project has been discussed for some time and staff have now prepared a design for the upgrade. That plan is attached. No toilet facilities are proposed at this site as we are having difficulty finding a location which is out of the flood area. Also the facility be located should not impeded in the aesthetics of the reserve and adjacent residential development. \$100,000 is allocated for this project.
- Toilet Facilities – Wollondilly Walking Track – Kenmore Street - \$100,000. New amenities facilities to be located 100 metres from Roberts Park with easy access for those using the Wollondilly Walking Track – see aerial photo attached of proposed location.
- Footpaths in our villages – this fund is for district distribution and allocation. It is important that all parts of the district receive benefits from this fund. Thus it is recommended that \$300,000 be allocated to footpaths in the villages. The exact projects would be determined by undertaking discussion and consultation with the various village's community groups that Council normally consults with.

Other projects that could be considered include – taking into consideration that they must be designed and approved by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

- Any other road upgrade
- An amenities building on a Sports fields
- Further extension to Wollondilly Walking Track
- Further Auburn Street upgrade













