



DUBBO REGIONAL  
COUNCIL

## ADMINISTRATOR MINUTE: Funding Announcement from State Government

**AUTHOR:** Administrator  
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To the Council  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Office of the Administrator  
Civic Administration Building  
Church Street, Dubbo

It is advised that in the company of Council's General Manager, Mark Riley, members of Council's Executive Leadership Team and various Council Staff, I attended the announcement by the Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant, on Monday 7 August 2017 regarding the provision of some \$28 million in funding from the State Government for various capital projects to be undertaken throughout the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area.

This announcement was made at Victoria Park No. 1 Oval. This was an appropriate setting as this oval will receive \$8 million in funding as part of the announcement. Such funding will provide for the re-development of this important facility including the removal of the existing bicycle track and the development of a stand-alone velodrome facility in the City, at a yet to be determined site following consultation with users. In addition, the field will be extended and reconstructed with new fencing to be installed and the car park between No. 2 and No. 3 Ovals being sealed.

This work will give Dubbo another premier sporting facility with a field of a size which complies with regulations for hosting first class cricket and official field sizes for rugby and rugby league.

The other funding announcements were:

- An additional \$4.5 million for the reconstruction of the Wellington Pool which will now be fully funded through grant funding. The Masterplan for the Pool will be considered at this Extraordinary meeting of Council under a separate report. Following adoption of this Masterplan, detailed planning for this important project will proceed in earnest.
- \$1.5 million for a Wiradjuri Tourism Experience in Wellington and Dubbo.
- An additional \$1.3 million visitor experiences at the Wellington Caves.
- \$10 million for the upgrade to the Fitzroy and Cobra Street intersection in terms of the installation of traffic lights and associated works, noting that this work will be a Roads and Maritime Services project.

- \$1.5 million for the relocation of the NSW SES Dubbo Unit from premises in Depot Road to a yet to be determined site.
- \$0.75 million for the relocation of the Dubbo Rescue Squad Unit from premises in Cobra Street to a yet to be determined site.
- \$0.565 million for Stage 2 of the redevelopment of Wellington's Rygate Park.
- An additional \$0.245 million towards the Geurie multi-court and recreation complex.
- \$0.25 million for the development of the Wellington Justice Museum.

These projects were initially identified during the Stronger Communities Fund application process as part of the distribution of Council's allocated funding of \$10M as part of the merger process.

Subsequent to the public announcement, correspondence was received from the Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant MP, advising as follows:

*"I write to confirm as per our discussions and the project announcements today, that funding has been secured with the support of the Premier and Deputy Premier.*

*The projects largely were captured by Stronger Communities funding applications but unable to be funded within the \$10 million. Each of the projects is of significant merit to the development and prosperity of Dubbo Regional Council and therefore garnered support.*

*The formal funding arrangements are yet to be finalised outside of this assurance of the funding security. Once that process has been established I will be in contact with Council to submit the appropriate business cases for each project for when the money is required.*

*You should immediately commence all the formal planning and preparation of these ten projects to be commenced and again I will advise once it is clear how the formal funding process will work.*

*I look forward to continuing to work with Council as these projects commence and thank you for your support of this City and Region."*

A copy of this letter is attached (**Appendix 1**) as is a copy of a media release on the announcement (**Appendix 2**).

I congratulate and thank Staff involved in the preparation of these projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the letter dated 7 August 2017 from Troy Grant MP, Member for Dubbo, regarding the funding announcement be noted.
2. That Troy Grant MP be thanked for his efforts in securing this significant funding for the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area.
3. That the Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, and Deputy Premier, the Hon John Barilaro MP, be thanked for their support to the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government area in the provision of the substantial funding as announced by the Member for Dubbo, Troy Grant MP, as herewith.
4. That the General Manager be requested to liaise with the Member for Dubbo in regard to the formal funding arrangements to progress the various projects.
5. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

*Michael Kneipp*  
Administrator

Appendices:

- 1 Letter from Troy Grant - Funding Announcement
- 2 Media Release from Troy Grant - Funding Announcement



# Troy Grant MP

MEMBER FOR DUBBO ELECTORATE

7 August 2017

Mr Mark Riley  
General Manager  
Dubbo Regional Council  
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Dear Mark

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Yours sincerely



Troy Grant MP  
Member for Dubbo

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Project	Scope	Funding
Dubbo Regional Council Victoria Park redevelopment	<b>Stage 1</b> Victoria Park 1 - Removal of velodrome & reinstatement \$3,082,000 Victoria Park 1 – Relocation of Velodrome \$3,949,500 Victoria Park 1 - Fencing \$ 74,950 <b>Stage 2</b> Victoria Park 2 & 3 - Car park \$ 480,000 Victoria Park 2 & 3 - Fencing \$ 149,900 <b>Stage 3</b> Victoria Park 1 – Grandstand \$3,680,000 or Victoria Park – New Canteen \$ 575,000 Victoria Park Grandstand (1940s) Refurbishment \$ 490,000	\$7,106,450      \$ 629,900   \$ 1,065,000
NSW VRA Depot Dubbo	New Rescue squad depot. Failing local infrastructure impacting on Volunteer organisations ability to house and deploy rescue equipment	\$750k
NSW SES Depot Dubbo	New SES Unit Depot. Failing local infrastructure impacting on Volunteer organisations ability to house and deploy rescue equipment	\$1.55m
Wellington Swimming pool re-development	Failed public infrastructure collapsed pool wall and chlorine system	\$4.5m
Rygate Park Stage 2 re-development	Lighting fencing and amenities block for multi use sporting field in disadvantaged area of community	\$565k
Wellington Justice Museum	Conversion of former Wellington Police Station into a community museum, art and community space.	\$250k
Geurie Multi-Court & recreation complex	Upgrade of isolated village multi-use sporting an recreation facilities hosting local sporting an youth activities.	\$245k
Wiradjuri Tourism Experience	Wiradjuri Tourist facility	\$1.5m

	located two sites Dubbo Wellington	
Wellington Caves Tourism complex	School accommodation as part of redevelopment	\$1.3m
Fitzroy street lights	Dubbo Traffic management plan key infrastructure need to remove congestion and improve Highway traffic flow complimenting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dubbo bridge investment	\$10m
Project Numbers - 10		\$27,760,000.00



# MEDIA RELEASE

from the office of... **TROY GRANT MP**  
MEMBER FOR DUBBO ELECTORATE

7 August 2017

## DUBBO & WELLINGTON'S \$27 MILLION DAY

Dubbo Regional Council received another boost on its way to becoming the true Capital of Western NSW with just under \$28 Million in investments announced by Member for Dubbo Troy Grant for sporting, tourism and emergency services infrastructure.

Mr Grant said each of the projects being supported were first identified during the \$10 million stronger communities fund process following the formation of Dubbo Regional Council.

"I have been working closely with the Administrator and Council to push for funds for projects that were deserving of support but missed out in being funded as part of the \$10M," Mr Grant said.

"The opportunity for our region to become an the economic powerhouse I predicted it could be is partly reliant on sporting, tourism and emergency services infrastructure,"

Dubbo Regional Council Administrator Michael Kniepp said ten more projects receiving funding in addition to those already allocated from the Stronger Communities Fund is fantastic.

"Troy asked me if I was sitting down when he gave me the great news, lucky he did I almost fell off my chair," Mr Kniepp said.

"Troy has worked tirelessly and strategically to make sure our communities have the strongest future and this is simply an historic investment into our area and will give the newly elected councillors the very best foundation to help our area flourish."

Successful projects Include:

- \$8M Victoria Park re-development
- \$4.5M for Wellington Swimming Pool
- \$1.5M Wiradjuri Tourism Experience for Wellington & Dubbo
- \$1.3M towards the Wellington Caves redevelopment
- \$10M Fitzroy/Cobra St Intersection Upgrade
- \$1.5M Upgrade/relocation of the NSW SES Dubbo Unit
- \$750K Upgrade/Relocation of the NSW VRA Unit
- \$565K Rygate Park stage 2 re-development

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# MEDIA RELEASE

from the office of... **TROY GRANT MP**

MEMBER FOR DUBBO ELECTORATE

- \$245K towards Geurie Multi-Court & Recreation complex upgrade
- \$250L Wellington Justice Museum development

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