

# Michael McCormack MP

Federal Member for Riverina  
Deputy Prime Minister of Australia  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
Leader of the Nationals

Councillor Neil Smith  
Mayor  
Junee Shire Council  
PO Box 93  
JUNEE NSW 2663

Dear Mayor Smith

I am delighted to call for expressions of interest from throughout the Riverina and Central West for Round Four of the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme.

Each Federal Electorate has been allocated \$150,000 to help fund small capital works projects, with grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 available.

Up to 20 small capital works or capital expenditure projects can be funded in each Electorate. The Liberal and Nationals' Government has committed \$22.5 million in the 2018-19 Budget to continue this highly successful programme.

Eligible projects include upgrades or fit-outs of community centres, sporting facilities upgrades, purchase of equipment for local State Emergency Service units, upgrades of park furniture, barbecues, bike paths, streetscapes and community gardens.

Projects funded in Round Three include shade shelters for Parkes Netball, laser levelling of the Wagga Wagga Croquet Club courts, outdoor fitness equipment at The Rock, a shade sail structure at Caragabal, solar panels for the Gumnut Grove Child Care Centre at Young and a permanent shelter at the Bedgerabong Recreation Grounds.

Not-for-profit groups, councils and trustees on behalf of a property trust with responsibility for a community asset can apply for Round Four grants.

Projects on school grounds or involving school property are also eligible but must deliver benefits to the broader community.

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All applicants must have an ABN and be an incorporated entity to apply.

Applicants are required to match a Stronger Communities Programme grant with a cash or in-kind contribution on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis.

If the applicant is registered for GST, the eligible project costs should be GST exclusive. If the applicant is not registered for GST, the eligible project costs should be GST inclusive.

Potential applicants should first read the Stronger Communities Program guidelines, which can be read at: <https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.GO.show&GOUUID=EA5B34D8-92E2-08C2-3B611FCCA92B7D06>

Expressions of interest should include a short description of the project, total cost, details of matching funding or in-kind contribution, why the project is important to the community and contact details. They must be received by my Wagga Wagga electorate office by 5pm on Wednesday, 20 August. Expressions of interest should be emailed to [michael.mccormack.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:michael.mccormack.mp@aph.gov.au).

A consultation committee will help me assess the expressions of interest.

Selected applicants will then be invited to apply (via an online portal) for final consideration by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, which will make the final decision on successful applications, subject to programme criteria and the local electorate funding cap.

Applications to the Department will close at 5pm on Thursday, 11 October.

It is important to note that successful projects are expected to be completed by 30 June, 2019.

For further information please telephone 13 28 46 or my Wagga Wagga Electorate Office on (02) 6921 4600.

I would appreciate you informing community and not-for-profit groups in your local government area about this great opportunity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael McCormack".

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**Federal Member for Riverina**

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