

## 8.3 Acceptance of NSW Government Grants

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
 TO 14 DECEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING  
 GOV400098, GRA600051

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager - Economic Development on the Acceptance of NSW Government Grants;
2. if successful, accept the grant funding from the following NSW Government grant funding bodies:

Grant Fund	Project	Grant Amount Requested
2022 Summer Holiday Break Program	Youth Summer School Holiday Program	\$11,148
ClubGrants Infrastructure Grants	Rylstone Showground Amenities Upgrade: show society amenities building and arena lighting	\$200,000
Fixing Local Roads - Pothole Repair Round	Fast-track urgent road maintenance and potholes	\$778,670
Places to Swim (Open Spaces Program)	Cudgegong Waters Park amenities building	\$445,000
Places to Swim (Open Spaces Program)	Rylstone River Walk	\$378,500
Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program	Rylstone Showground arena lighting	\$287,000
Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program	Victoria Park Gulgong amenities building	\$354,125

3. if successful, amend the 2023/24 and 2024/25 budgets in accordance with the adjustments listed on the Financial Implication section of this report;
4. if successful, authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreements with the NSW Government; and
5. amend the 2023/24 income for Glen Willow Lighting Upgrade to be \$2,324,206 grant funded and \$685,794 funded by Capital Reserves.

## Executive summary

Council has applied to numerous funding bodies for a range of projects identified in the Operational Plan and those that will support the overall goals of the Community Plan.

The NSW Government funding bodies identified in this report include:

- 2022 Summer Holiday Break Program
- ClubGrants Infrastructure Grants
- Fixing Local Roads - Pothole Repair Round
- Places to Swim (Open Spaces Program)
- Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program

It is recommended that if Mid-Western Regional Council is successful in any of the above applications, that Council accepts the grant funding, and authorises the General Manager to sign the funding agreements and amend the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Council budgets.

Further, an adjustment to the budget for Glen Willow Lighting Upgrade is required as anticipated grant funding is lower than the amount applied for. Therefore an amendment to the income budget for 23/24 is required and recommended for approval.

## Disclosure of Interest

Nil

## Detailed report

### **2022 Summer Holiday Break Program**

The objective of the 2022 Summer Holiday Break Program is to address geographical, financial and accessibility barriers that impact the ability of young people in regional NSW to enjoy recreational and social activities within their local communities. Mid-Western Regional Council applied for \$11,148 to facilitate a number of excursions and workshops planned for the summer holidays.

### **ClubGrants Infrastructure Grants**

The NSW Government offers grants to communities across NSW to support the building, renovation and fit-out of community infrastructure. Funding is available for sport and recreation facilities, arts and cultural infrastructure, as well as projects that assist communities with essential infrastructure and disaster readiness.

The project identified as meeting the criteria for the ClubGrants Infrastructure Fund was the Rylstone Showground Amenities Upgrade: show society amenities building and arena lighting \$200,000.

### **Fixing Local Roads - Pothole Repair Round**

The Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round provides funding for routine corrective maintenance of potholes in rigid and flexible pavements, on sealed and unsealed roads. Corrective Maintenance includes unplanned maintenance activities that are necessary to ensure continued access and the safe operation of the network.

The value of this fund is dependent on kilometres of road network managed in the local government area and the number of applicants applying for the funding. This value will be \$778,670 for Mid-Western Regional Council.

**Places to Swim (Open Spaces Program)**

The Places to Swim Grant provides funding for improvements to open spaces that will directly support swimming in natural bodies of water. Funding includes amenities and facilities that directly support recreational use of the waterways, improvements for water-based recreation such as launching small non-powered watercraft, and providing walking tracks/trails and infrastructure that directly connect to and support access to water for recreation.

The following projects were identified as relevant and met the criteria of the grant fund:

- Cudgegong Waters Park Amenities Building \$445,000
- Rylstone River Walk – Improvement \$378,500

**Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program**

The primary objectives of this Program is to increase the number and type of safe, equitable, accessible, and inclusive sport and active recreation facilities. Foster positive sport and active recreation experiences for women and girls through the provision of welcoming and supportive community spaces and environments and increase utilisation of sport and active recreation facilities for women and girls through enabling more female participation opportunities. This funding required co-contribution from Council of 25% of the grant request.

The following projects were identified as meeting the criteria of this:

- Rylstone Showground lighting upgrade \$287,000
- Victoria Park Gulgong amenities building \$354,125

**Resources for Regions**

Council has applied to the Resources for Regions program to support the lighting upgrade at Glen Willow Stadium. A budget for this project was set and approved in October 2022, however an adjustment to the income component of the budget is required as anticipated grant funding is lower than the original amount applied for. Therefore an amendment to the income budget for 23/24 is required and recommended for approval.

- Glen Willow Stadium lighting upgrade Grant application amount: \$3,010,000  
 Grant funding likely to be: \$2,324,206

Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Looking After Our Community</b>
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

Strategic implications

**Council Strategies**

The identified projects support a number of Council strategies as identified in the Community Plan including:

- Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community.

- Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community.
- Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs

### Council Policies

Nil

### Legislation

Nil

## Financial implications

### Youth Summer School Holiday Program

In 22/23 set an expenditure budget of \$11,148 to be fully funded by grants

### Rylstone Showground Amenities Upgrade

In 23/24 increase expenditure to \$400,000 with \$200,000 to be funded by grants and \$200,000 to be funded from the Capital Program Reserve.

### Fast-track urgent road maintenance and potholes

In 22/23 increase expenditure budget of \$778,670 to be fully funded by grants

### Cudgegong Waters Park amenities building

In 23/24 increase expenditure to \$450,000 with \$445,000 to be funded by grants and \$5,000 to be funded from the Capital Program Reserve

### Rylstone River Walk

In 23/24 set an expenditure budget of \$378,500 to be fully funded by grants

### Rylstone Showground arena lighting

In 23/24 increase expenditure to \$378,500 with \$287,000 to be funded by grants and \$91,500 to be funded from the Asset Replacement Reserve.

### Victoria Park Gulgong amenities building

In 23/24 increase expenditure to \$475,500 with \$354,125 to be funded by grants and \$121,375 to be funded from the Capital Program Reserve

### Glen Willow Lighting

Amend the 23/24 income budget to receive \$2,324,206 from grant funding and reduce transfer from Capital Program Reserve to \$685,794

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	-	-	X
Future Years	✓	-	X

## Associated Risks

If the grant funding for the above-named projects is successful and not accepted by Council the projects may not be able to proceed or be delayed due to funding restraints. There is a project delivery risk for each project. These risks are managed through Council's policies and procedures.

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10 November 2022

*Attachments:* Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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