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Council welcomes NSW Government grant funding

Central Darling Shire Council has welcomed funding for projects under the NSW Government's Stronger Country Community Fund Round 5.

The State Government says that the fund aims to boost the wellbeing of communities in regional areas by providing new or upgraded social and sporting infrastructure, or community programs that have strong local support.

Projects that have received funding in Central Darling Shire are:

- Menindee Sports Facility Upgrades \$328,008.00. This project will deliver
 improved sporting facilities to the town of Menindee by installing an irrigation
 system and sports field lights for Burke & Wills Oval and playground;
 resurfacing the basketball courts and repainting the court lines to include
 netball; and upgrading the community gym.
- Improved Mobility Access for Menindee \$178,000.00. This project will
 improve the mobility access for residents of Menindee by the installation of
 mobility access ramps to the Post Office, Supermarket, and Public Toilets,
 ensuring that those residents of Menindee who have mobility issues are able
 to easily access these facilities.
- Central Darling Town Hall Refurbishments \$115,500.00. The Central
 Darling Town Hall Refurbishments will uplift and make safe the town halls of
 the Menindee and Ivanhoe communities by undertaking refurbishment,
 repairs and maintenance and landscaping in and around the two buildings to
 improve their amenity to the residents of the two communities.
- Ivanhoe Public Art \$210,000.00. The Ivanhoe Public Art project will see the Central Darling Shire Council commission a mural for the town's water tanks that will be representative of the community of Ivanhoe. The design of the mural will be undertaken in consultation with the Ivanhoe community, with the final product becoming a celebration of the Ivanhoe community and an iconic tourist attraction for the town.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole said the Stronger Country Communities Fund is helping to enrich the lives of residents in regional communities.



Everywhere I go, people tell me about the big difference the Stronger Country Communities Fund projects make to everyday life, whether it's a new skate park that kids love, a new community hall, upgrades to the main street or programs that make living in the regions even better," Mr Toole said.

"The \$660 million Stronger Country Communities Fund is already making a real difference to people right across regional NSW, with work commencing, underway or completed on more than 2,530 projects in every local government area across regional NSW."

"The NSW Government is focused on delivering infrastructure and programs in regional NSW necessary for stimulating economies, and we're backing local projects that make a positive difference to the communities in the bush and surrounding areas."

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