

**1. DELIVERY PROGRAM THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this report is provide Council with an update on the Delivery Program progress as at 31 March 2018.

**Background**

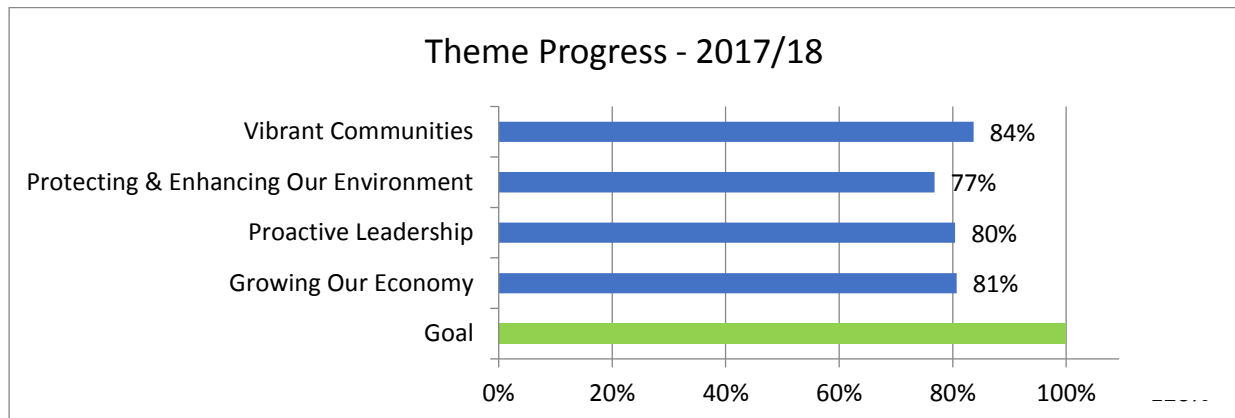
In accordance with legislative requirements, Council was provided with the Half Yearly Progress Report on the Delivery Program to 31 December 2017 at the February Ordinary Council Meeting.

**Issues**

Progress has again been measured against the principal activities identified in the Delivery Program for 2018/2019 following completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Each item in the Delivery Program is referenced to one of the key priorities in the Community Strategic Plan – *Vibrant Communities; Growing Our Economy; Protecting and Enhancing Our Environment; Proactive Leadership.*

Council's performance against each key priority is reflected in the graph below:-



Notable achievements for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter include:-

- Finalisation of the Economic Development Strategy
- New Residents Welcome Evening
- Signing and launch of the Aboriginal Memorandum of Understanding
- Receipt of Stronger Country Communities Funding (Round One) - \$783,000
- Eumungerie Road rehabilitation, road widening and heavy patching
- Replacement of cardio equipment at the Narromine Sports Centre
- Council Chambers upgrade
- Installation of outdoor equipment at Swift Park, Trangie
- Installation of concrete slab under shade shelter at Dicken Park and installation of new outdoor BBQ

**1.      DELIVERY PROGRAM THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT (Cont'd)**

**Assessment**

**(a)      *Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines***

Council is only required to report on its Delivery Program progress every 6 months. This information was provided to Council at its February Ordinary Council Meeting.

**(b)      *Financial/Social and Environmental Impacts***

Operational Plan and Budget 2017/2018  
Delivery Program Financial Reports 2017/18 – 2020/21

**(c)      *Strategic Implications***

This report relates to Item No 4.3.1 of the Community Strategic Plan – Operate and manage Council in a financially sustainable manner that meets all statutory and regulatory compliance and Council policies.

**Summary**

Council's progress on the achievement of actions in the Delivery Program to 31 March 2018 is considered to be satisfactory.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

**2.      STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND**

**Introduction**

This report is provided to Council in order to confirm priorities for funding applications to be submitted under the Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round Two).

**Background**

The Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round Two) is now available to Narromine Shire Council to apply for funding.

The aim of this fund is to support Council and community groups in delivering crucial local infrastructure to improve quality of life. Narromine Shire Council has been invited to apply for up to \$1.566M in the 2018-2019 financial year.

**2.      STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND (Cont.)**

Council staff have been working towards developing priorities for this funding and these priorities were discussed recently with Councillors at a Council workshop.

These priorities have been developed after consulting with the Community Strategic Plan to ensure consistency with Council and Community planning over the next several years. Four projects have been developed and staff now seek a formal endorsement of these projects so that a grant application can be submitted.

These projects are:

- Narromine Leisure/ Splash Park
- Upgrade to Narromine and Trangie Pools
- Alan Burns Oval drainage
- Main Street Enhancement – Narromine, Trangie, Tomingley

**Issues**

As well as the grant funding that is to be applied for and expended on these projects, an additional \$200,000 is planned to be spent in the 2018/2019 financial year from funds already committed by Narromine Shire Council. Total expenditure including grant funding on these community projects will be \$1.77 Million.

Members of the community were also invited to submit their expressions of interest for community projects that would meet the selection criteria for this fund to also be considered by Council for a funding submission. Suggestions that were made were works to the Narromine Netball courts and additional walking and cycle tracks for Narromine.

It is recommend that these suggestions be further considered within the Narromine Shire Sport and Recreation Strategy. It is understood that both suggestions have already been included with works to the walking and cycle tracks included within the tracks and trails section and the potential upgrade to the netball courts considered in the sporting precinct master planning section.

The projects that have been suggested by staff:

- Have wide community support demonstrated through the Community Strategic Planning process.
- Are generally for the benefits of the wider town and village communities.
- Are recommended projects generally spread proportionally through each of the towns and villages.
- Have well developed scope of works.

**2. STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND (Cont.)**

The \$1.77M worth of recommended projects are spread across the three main centres of the Narromine Shire Council area. When considering the funds spend for round one and two (total of \$2.87M) the following spread of project funds can be shown.

Tomingley total works: \$238,000 (8%) of project fund round 1 and 2. (2% of pop'n).  
Narromine total works \$1,810,000 (63%) of project fund round 1 and 2. (75% of pop'n).  
Trangie total works \$825,000 (29%) of project fund for round 1 and 2 (23% of pop'n).

**Assessment**

**a) Legal Implications**

Local Government Act 1993

**b) Financial Implications**

Council has previously committed an additional \$200,000 in 2017/2018 Budget. Depending upon the success of the grant funding applications, Council will spend \$1.77M on community projects.

**c) Strategic Implications**

This report relates to item 4.3.3 of the Delivery Program – Ensure sufficient resources to meet current and future needs of the community; 4.3.3.1 Maximise opportunities for utilising grants to supplement and support identified Council priorities and projects; and 4.3.3.2 Identify project suitable for grant applications.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Narromine Shire Council confirm that their priorities for funding from the Stronger Community Fund are:
  - Narromine Leisure/ Splash Park
  - Upgrade to Narromine and Trangie Pools
  - Alan Burns Oval drainage
  - Main Street Enhancement – Narromine, Trangie, Tomingley
2. That Narromine Shire Council apply for \$1.566M in funding from the Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round Two).

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