



Memorandum

To:	All Surf Life Saving Clubs
From:	Christina Voyage, Partnerships Manager
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – NSW Stronger Country Communities Grants

IMPORTANT:

- State government agencies and non-government organisations can submit eligible community infrastructure projects, in partnership with local councils. **However, the LGA must be the applicant and is responsible for submitting the application, i.e. non-government organisations cannot apply on their own.**
- This Fund is run by Council LGAs – applications must be in the tranche for your LGA. Please check the summarised list below and the [full list here](#).

The **NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund** is now open, with the first tranche of applications closing on 9 August 2017.

- Funding for infrastructure projects in regional NSW communities (outside Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong LGAs) to improve the lives of residents and enhance the attractiveness of these areas as vibrant places to live and work, e.g. building new community facilities or refurbishing existing facilities.
- The Stronger Country Communities Fund is seeking projects of at least \$100,000, but typically in the range of \$250,000 to \$1 million.
- Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to:
 - building new community facilities to be shared by all within the community, e.g. such as parks, playgrounds, walking or cycle pathways;
 - refurbishing existing local facilities — such as health centres, community centres, etc;
 - enhancing local parks and the supporting facilities — such as kitchens and toilet blocks.
- Priority will be given to projects that support/create jobs.
- If clubs/Branches have a project that may be eligible, it is recommended that they contact Council to discuss the possibility of a joint application submitted by the Council.

Please note the following:

The closing date for applications is as follows (please see list of LGAs and which tranche they are classed in at the end of this memo)

- Tranche A – Applications open, closing 9 August 2017
- Tranche B – Applications open 16 August 2017. Applications close 13 September 2017.
- Tranche C – Applications open 20 September 2017. Applications close 18 October 2017.

Tranche	LGA
A	Shoalhaven, Nambucca, Clarence Valley and Kiama
B	Richmond Valley Council, Eurobodalla, Bellingen, Mid-Coast Council, Coffs Harbour and Tweed
C	Central Coast Council, Bega Valley Shire, Port Stephens, Byron, Lake Macquarie, Kempsey, Port Macquarie-Hastings and Ballina

[Access the application and guidelines.](#)

Please note – if you have any questions in relation to this funding opportunity, please contact the Stronger Country Communities Fund on (02) 9842 8681 or via email enquiries.sccf@industry.nsw.gov.au.