



MEDIA RELEASE

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\$801,554 FUNDING SECURED FOR SHIRE WIDE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries announced on Wednesday the 21 February 2018, Walgett Shire Council has received \$801,554 in funding to breathe life into local community projects as part of the NSW Government's \$200 million Stronger Country Communities Fund.

"Stronger Country Communities funding is an investment in local infrastructure to improve the lives of residents and enhance the attractiveness of our region – this funding will help us do exactly that," said General Manager Don Ramsland.

Successful projects to be funded under Stronger Country Communities include:

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| • Walgett Cemetery Upgrade | \$269,935 |
| • Enhancing Community Parks and Playgrounds | \$212,619 |
| • Lightning Ridge Main Street Beautification Project | \$319,000 |

The Stronger Country Communities fund is one of the six funds that make up the NSW Government's \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund, which is designed to improve economic growth and productivity through investment in regional communities.

Mayor Ian Woodcock welcomed the funding announcements saying "this will allow Council to develop and improve a range of facilities across the Shire which would not have been possible otherwise".

