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ITEM

Stronger Country Community Funds – Project Update

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board note this report.

BACKGROUND

There have been two rounds of the Stronger Country Community Funds (SCCF) program released by the NSW State Government. The Lord Howe Island Board has been successful in receiving funds for a number of projects in both rounds as shown in the table below.

SCCF	Project Number	Project Name	Fund Value	Completion
SCCF1	SCCF1B-0032	Old Powerhouse Site Remediation	\$435,000	31 Dec 2019
SCCF1	SCCF1B-0033	Community Hall Improvements	\$560,000	31 Dec 2019
SCCF2	SCCF2-0165	Stevens Reserve Walking Track Upgrade	\$594,705	29 Sep 2020
SCCF2	SCCF2-0536	Lord Howe Island Skate Park	\$231,000	30 Sep 2020
SCCF2	SCCF2-0537	Lagoon Road Foreshore Fitness Trail	\$ 93,660	29 Dec 2019
SCCF2	SCCF2-0541	Bowling Club Amenities Upgrade	\$345,253	30 Sep 2020

There are a number of milestone reporting requirements to be completed by agreed dates for all of the projects. Most of the projects have been pushed back as much as possible to allow sufficient time for the projects to be completed. This has been done for two main reasons: the current number of projects the Board currently has on the books; and the required approvals for some of the projects.

SCCF Round 1 Projects

The Old Powerhouse Site Remediation project is the subject of a separate report and therefore will not be updated further in this report.

The Community Hall Improvements project is currently on track within the building contractor's construction program schedule and is well in advance of the SCCF milestone end date. To date the works undertaken include the installation of hoarding to protect the works, demolition of the internal walls, construction and lining of the new internal walls, electrical rough-in including relocation of internal switchboard, construction of new kitchen cupboards, manufacture of new bi-fold doors and windows.

SCCF Round 2 Projects

The Funding Agreement for Round 2 of the Stronger Country Community Funds has been signed by the Board and is now waiting on the return of the fully signed agreement along with the first Milestone monies to come through.

Stevens Reserve Walking Track Upgrade project initial review of materials and alignment is currently being undertaken. The alignment at the Lagoon Road end must not encroach on private land as the current track does and is proposed to run within an existing road reserve. It will then separate to a raised walkway and try and align for as much as possible with the existing track, until finally coming back out onto the existing road alignment to finally come out on the Nursery Road. The proposed materials being considered for this project are composite fibre reinforced plastic. Its high strength, and low weight provides a long service life as it does not corrode, rot or shrink the way traditional construction materials, such as wood and steel do. This is an important characteristic for the island.

Lord Howe Island Skate Park project is waiting on the submission of the Development Application from the Skate Park committee so that it can be assessed and considered by the Board. Some initial discussions have been undertaken by the committee with Board staff to begin to coordinate governance, accountabilities and funding associated with the project.

Lagoon Road Foreshore Fitness Trail project is the subject of a separate report and therefore will not be updated further in this report.

Bowling Club Amenities Upgrade project is awaiting the submission of the Development Application from the Lord Howe Island Bowling Club committee so that it can be assessed and considered by the Board. Some initial discussions have been undertaken with Board staff so that the committee is aware of the funding associated with the project and the involvement of the board.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board note this report.

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