



Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW Clubs
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – Stronger Communities Programme

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development **Stronger Communities Programme** will be opening up in the next month. The objective of the Stronger Communities Programme is to fund small capital projects which will deliver social benefits. The programme aims to improve local community participation, cohesion and contribute to vibrant and viable communities.

Key Aspects:

- Grants of between \$5,000 and up to a maximum of \$20,000 are available.
- Applicants are required to confirm matched funding in cash or in-kind on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis.
- Eligible projects include capital purchases/activities that contribute to the vibrancy and viability of our community.
- Examples of eligible projects that may be funded include:
 - construction and fit-out of community, health and sports centres, including kitchen upgrades;
 - equipment purchases such as computers, TVs and furniture and fittings;
 - sporting facility upgrades including fit-out of change rooms, new canteens, new lights, upgraded water systems.
- The following items are considered to be ineligible for funding:
 - expenditure incurred prior to the announcement that the project has been successful in its application for funding;
 - provision of services and support activities;
 - payment of salaries for existing staff or contractors.

The application and guidelines can be accessed from the following website:

<http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/scp/>

The programme is run and operated by local Federal MPs who may selected different opening and closing dates to those listed in the guidelines. Any Surf Life Saving Clubs interested in applying should contact their local Federal Member to ascertain exact opening and closing dates.

Please note – if your club would like the GSU to assist with an application or if you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact: Cameron Stanley

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