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\$1.5 MILLION FUNDING FOR WAGGA WAGGA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Daryl Maguire MP Member for Wagga Wagga alongside City of Wagga Wagga General Manager Peter Thompson and Mayor Greg Conkey today announced Wagga has received \$1,514,672 in funding to breathe life into local community projects as part of the NSW Government's \$200 million Stronger Country Communities fund.

\$250,000 of the funding will be invested into seven parks which include: Cox Park, Flinders Street Park, Graceland Detention Basin, Mangoplah Sports Ground, Paddy Osborne Park, Undurra Drive Park and Uranquinty neighbourhood park.

Mr Maguire said the NSW Government's significant investment in Wagga Wagga will provide residents with improved facilities the whole region can enjoy.

"Our community has been calling out for more female change rooms and adult laydown change facilities and I'm thrilled these can now be carried out.

"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," Mr Maguire said.

Funded projects under Stronger Country Communities include:

- Female change room facilities at Robertson oval and McDonald Park
- Adult laydown change facility
- 7 Playground and park upgrades.
- South Wagga Tennis Court and Hot Shots Courts.

"We look forward to delivering these projects that have been funded by the NSW Government," Mayor of City of Wagga Wagga Greg Conkey said.

"This funding will help to create a more liveable and thriving community in Wagga Wagga."

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.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said the Stronger Country Communities Fund targets smaller-sized projects that nevertheless have the capacity to make a big difference to the lives of country people.

"The Stronger Country Communities fund is a once-in-a-generation investment and I'm excited for the people of regional NSW to start seeing these projects pop up all over the place," Mr Barilaro said.

Applications for Round Two of funding will open in March 2018 and further details can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities.