

RDA Newsflash – BBRF Round 1, Community Investments Stream

The Townsville and North West Queensland region has punched above its weight, with eight projects in our region securing a total of \$424,874 in funding under the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, Community Investments Stream to enable \$635,910 of projects to get going.

Projects in the RDA region successful in the first round of BBRF Community Investments Projects Stream include;

Burdekin Tourism Strategy \$15,000 for the development of a tourism strategy that will outline the strategic direction for Burdekin Shire Council

North West Queensland Quarry Management Strategy: \$50,400 for collaborative procurement by the North West Queensland Roads and Regional Transport Group of nine LGAs to develop a co-ordinated management strategy for quarry and gravel pits

Burke Shire Economic Development Strategy: \$20,000 for the development of a community-consulted economic development strategy

Strategic Business Plan for the Mutton Hole Conservation Park: \$24,474 to undertake community and key stakeholder consultation and develop a Strategic Management Plan to identify culturally and environmentally sensitive tourism opportunities

BeefUp Karumba: \$30,000 for a two day beef industry forum, trade show and networking activities with a focus on workplace health and safety, planning and markets.

Gulf Savannah Regional Waste Strategy: \$20,000 to develop a regional waste strategy for Carpentaria, Burke and Doomadgee

Mount Isa Rodeo Hall of Fame: \$130,000 to collect, preserve and share Mount Isa's Rodeo's unique history through a multimedia gallery

Palm Island Didge Fest: \$135,000 for the delivery of Palm Island Didge Fest, a music and cultural festival

RDA would like to congratulate the successful applicants for their hard work in putting together competitive applications.

The Building Better Regions Fund Community Investment Stream received 392 applications, with 147 being approved across Australia.

RDA played a lead role in promoting and supporting the new BBRF program.

We held free workshops across the regions to provide councils and not-for-profit organisations advice on developing strong applications for the Building Better Regions Fund, as well as providing applicants with one on one advice and letters of support.

The Australian Government is expected to open another round of BBRF before the end of the year.

More information about the Building Better Regions Fund is available at:

www.business.gov.au/bbrf.