

## **MEDIA RELEASE – 8 December 2016**

### **RDA to assist regions in applying for Building Better Regions Fund**

Councils and not-for-profit organisations are being encouraged to attend workshops to help with their applications for the new Building Better Regions Fund.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said this new fund is different to previous funds, as it is just for rural, regional and remote communities.

“There are also two streams of funding - the Community Investments Stream, which is available for community projects and the Infrastructure Projects Stream,” Ms Schuntner said.

“RDA will be holding workshops in the regions to assist councils and not-for-profit organisations make stronger applications for the new Building Better Regions Fund.”

Workshops will be held in Mount Isa 13th December and Townsville 15th December.

“For those who are unable to attend the workshops we will also be holding a teleconference on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December,” Ms Schuntner said.

“Applications open on 18 January 2017, so it important councils and organisations start to look at what they need in their community and how they need to prepare their application.”

The BBRF provides funding for infrastructure projects and community investment that will create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future.

Applications close for the Infrastructure Projects Stream on 28 February 2017 and the Community Investments Stream on 31 March 2017.

Over the past five years RDA has provided support and advice to councils and not-for-profit organisations to make stronger applications for Federal Government funding programs.

“As a Federal Government-funded organisation we have worked with councils and not-for-profit organisations to help secure \$30.5 million through the RDA Fund and the National Stronger Regions Fund to contribute to projects worth \$73.5 million,” Ms Schuntner said.

“These programs have now been replaced by the new Building Better Regions Fund.”

For more information on the RDA workshops go to: [www.rdanwq.org.au](http://www.rdanwq.org.au)

For more information about the Building Better Regions Fund go to:  
[www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund](http://www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund)

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