



TOWNSVILLE AND NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND INC

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Newsflash

From the CEO's desk



\$3.4 MILLION FUNDING BOOST FOR KEY SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECT IN THE TOWNSVILLE AND NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGION

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Townsville and North West Queensland has welcomed the announcement by the Hon Simon Crean, Minister for the Arts; Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government of funding for a key community focussed project in our region under Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

Details of the Townsville and North West Queensland regional project are as follows.

- Proponent - ACT for Kids
- Project – ACT for Kids Child and Family Centre of Excellence – The funds will be used for a new community service building for the operation of therapy programs to treat child abuse and neglect, intensive family support, children's education programs, Indigenous workforce programs, placements for university students, professional development programs and cooperative service delivery.
- Value of Grant - \$3.4 Million
- Total Value of the Project - \$4.6 Million
- Regional service delivery - Burdekin, Charters Towers, Hinchinbrook, Palm Island and Townsville and dependent on a service delivery funding application will also cover Richmond, Cloncurry, Flinders and McKinlay Shires.
- Infrastructure location – James Cook University, Townsville

The full list of projects across Queensland that have received funding under Round Two of RDAF can be found at www.regional.gov.au. More information on RDAF can be found at www.regional.gov.au including information on current guidelines.

Detailed feedback will be provided by the Department to unsuccessful applicants in the coming weeks to assist them to prepare for upcoming rounds. Our RDA will also be meeting with project proponents.

As per the advice of the Department, for any additional information please email rdaf@regional.gov.au

The next Round of RDAF is expected in the latter half of this year. Our RDA welcomes the opportunity to talk with proponents of infrastructure projects that meet the RDAF Guidelines including the delivery of a regional benefit beyond the location of the infrastructure. To make an appointment to discuss potential projects, please call our office on 4760 1612.

Glenys Schuntner
Chief Executive Officer

RDA Committee

<p>Mr Paul Woodhouse Chairman</p>  <p>Paul joined RDA in 2012. Retiring from local government after serving 12 years as Mayor and Councillor of McKinlay Shire Council to follow other interests, Paul is a primary producer in north west Queensland.</p>	<p>Ms Lyn McLaughlin Deputy Chair</p>  <p>Lyn joined RDA in 2009. She is a former Mayor and Councillor of Burdekin Shire Council and represents the region on several committees. Lyn is a primary school teacher.</p>	<p>Mr Jeff Jimmieson Treasurer</p>  <p>Based in Townsville, Jeff and his wife Debbie own and operate an events management business Access All Areas Event Management. Born in Toowoomba, Jeff has lived in Townsville since 1985.</p>	<p>Mr David Kippin Secretary</p>  <p>David is CEO at Townsville Enterprise Limited, North Queensland's peak economic development and destination marketing organisation. David has previously held senior positions in Financial and Professional Services and Corporate Advisory.</p>	<p>Cr Rick Britton</p>  <p>Rick was elected to Boulia Shire Council in 2007 and has served as Mayor since 2008. Rick and his wife Ann own and operate the cattle station Goodwood Pastoral Company.</p>	<p>Dr Scott Crawford</p>  <p>Based in Townsville, Scott is CEO of NQ Dry Tropics, the natural resource management body for the Burdekin region. Originally from Brisbane, Scott has lived in Townsville for 13 years.</p>
<p>Cr Tracy Forshaw</p>  <p>Tracy has been a Councillor on the Burke Shire Council since 2008. Tracy and her husband Ian own and operate an earthmoving, quarry and concrete business in Gregory.</p>	<p>Mr David Glasson</p>  <p>Based in Mount Isa, David is Chairman of the Mount Isa Townsville Economic Zone economic development organisation and owns and operates Liquip Engineering & Western Mowers.</p>	<p>Mr Trevor Goldstone</p>  <p>Trevor is the Director, Business Development and Operations at the Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts at James Cook University. Trevor moved from Adelaide to Townsville in 2009.</p>	<p>Cr Greg Jones</p>  <p>Greg is the Mayor of Flinders Shire where he has served as a Councillor since 1994. Greg and wife Carole operate an Electrical, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning business in Hughenden.</p>	<p>Ms Jenny Pryor</p>  <p>Townsville based, Jenny is CEO at Bindal Sharks United Training, Employment Sport and Recreation Aboriginal Corporation. Jenny, a former ATSI Commissioner, has a background in Aboriginal and Islander Affairs.</p>	<p>Mr Mike Westerman</p>  <p>Mike is the General Manager, Xstrata Mount Isa Copper Operations and has more than 20 years' experience as a mining engineer in underground and open pit environments.</p>