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AND NORTH WEST
QUEENSLAND INC

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sustainability of our region

Newsflash From the CEO



Good afternoon!

NEW FUNDING ROUND ANNOUNCED FOR REGIONS

The Australian Government has committed \$150 million to help build and renew community infrastructure across Australia as part of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

The Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, announced that this funding will be delivered through Round Five of RDAF and will be allocated to councils and shires that already receive Financial Assistance Grants.

The Government will provide a base payment of at least \$30,000 to smaller councils to ensure that they benefit from this funding.

This funding can only be used to build and renew community infrastructure, with a focus on 'shovel-ready' projects in communities.

Sporting facilities, libraries, town halls, playgrounds and essential community services, such as child care facilities, are expected to benefit from this investment.

RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Chairman Paul Woodhouse welcomed the release of Round 5 of the Regional Development Australia Fund.

"This funding will result in jobs and economic growth for our community, while delivering much-needed local infrastructure in our region.

"It also provides an opportunity for councils and shires to seek funding for small projects which did not receive funding in earlier rounds of RDAF."

More information on RDAF Round Five can be found at www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/rdaf_round_five.aspx

Applicants can direct questions relating to the application and assessment process to rdaf@regional.gov.au.

Glenys Schuntner
Chief Executive Officer

RDA Committee

Mr Paul Woodhouse
Chairman

 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.

Ms Lyn McLaughlin
Deputy Chair

 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.

Mr Jeff Jimmieson
Treasurer

 Jeff Jimmieson is the Manager of Performing Arts, Events and Protocol for Townsville City. He has had an extensive career in event management, public relations and the performing arts, both in local government and private enterprise. His community service includes board memberships of PCYC and Rotary.

Mr David Kippin
Secretary

 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.

Cr Rick Britton

 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.

Dr Scott Crawford

 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.

Cr Tracy Forshaw

 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.

Mr Trevor Goldstone

 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.

Cr Greg Jones

 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.

Prof. Sabina Knight

 Sabina is the Director of the Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health and is an internationally recognised rural health leader with an extensive career in remote and rural primary health care, public health and education, and community development.

Mr Jeremy Moffat

 Jeremy is the Director of NQ Telecom and a passionate advocate for regional Queensland. Jeremy moved his family from Sydney in 2003 to start up North Queensland Telecom.

Mr Mike Westerman

 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.



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