

## Media Release

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#### **Swim Club set for future.**

Projects undertaken by the Gundagai Amateur Swimming Lifesaving Club will ensure members of the Club and community members using Gundagai's town pool will enjoy their swimming seasons for years to come.

Two applications were submitted to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council for funding under the Stronger Communities Fund. The Stronger Communities Fund has been an initiative of the NSW State Government and administered by the CGRC. The clubs two successful applications saw funds to the value of \$34,583 being approved.

The club has been able to purchase equipment that will see club days, and training sessions conducted in an official competitive environment. New swimming pool lane ropes that include six competition lane ropes and an additional four training lane ropes will replace the old lane ropes that were perished from years of use and disintegration. An electric competition starter was also purchased to replace the old system which was faulty.

The second and biggest project has seen soft fall matting and pool fencing erected around the new playground area within the pool grounds. These improvements will provide a safe and secure area for children, using the playground equipment, and keep little ones protected from the pool surrounds during swimming training and competition days. The improvements have created a more attractive and convenient environment adding to the overall appeal of the area.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council administrator Mr Stephen Sykes said these new improvements will add an extra dimension to the club's future.

"The projects undertaken by the club, will now help them attract regional swimming club championship meets which will bring visitors to Gundagai and provide local swimmers with competition conditions." Mr Sykes said.

Member for Cootamundra, Katrina Hodgkinson MP said the purchase of new equipment and installation of the soft fall matting and pool fencing is essential for the activities Gundagai Amateur Swimming Lifesaving Club.

"It's fantastic when community organisations have the equipment and facilities they need to provide a better experience for their members, and encourage parents and children to participate in activities that promote health, participation and friendship," Katrina said.

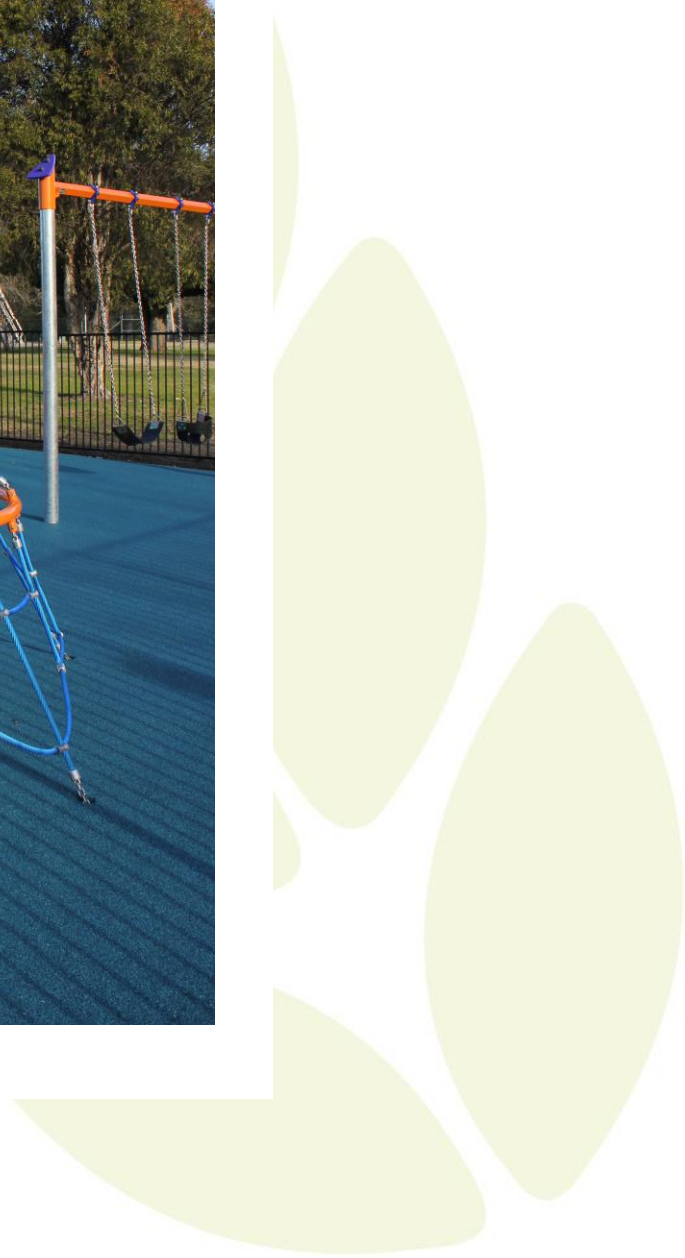
"I'm very pleased to support the Gundagai Amateur Swimming Lifesaving Club through the NSW

Government's Stronger Communities program."

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Picture and Caption:

Gundagai Amateur Swimming Lifesaving Club members Paddy and James Reardon enjoy the playground at the Gundagai Pool. The area has been made safer with soft fall matting and fenced off from main pool area. Keeping children safe and supervisors thankful.



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