

# Media Release

## Bongongo P&C upgrade Adjungbilly hall

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The tiny community of Adjungbilly, 60 kilometres from Gundagai, have a community hall that now can be used effectively all year round thanks to a grant from the Stronger Communities Fund.

Nestled on the north western edge of the Snowy Mountains, Adjungbilly and its school, the Bongongo Public School might be considered remote by some. One thing it doesn't lack is community spirit.

The community hall was built by the Bongongo Public School Parents and Citizens group in 1988, and has been the hub of community since. The P&C has managed the hall since its inception and upgrades over time include the community kitchen, a barbeque area and production stage.

A grant obtained through the Stronger Communities Fund, an initiative of the NSW State Government and administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has allowed the P&C to further improve the amenities at the hall.

The interior walls and ceiling have been insulated and lined and reverse cycle air conditioning installed.

The \$29637 grant was used for building materials, trades and air conditioning system, with much of the labour carried out by local Adjungbilly residents and members of the Bongongo Public School P&C. Working bees were held to carry out preparation and cleaning up of the build site.

The hall is well utilised by the district who hold functions and community events. The local Rural Fire Service, Adjungbilly Cooperative Wild Dog and Fox management and Landcare groups regularly meet at the hall.

Puggles, the local mobile preschool also use the hall on a regular basis, but have had to relocate to the library area of the school during inclement weather. The new upgrade will allow Puggles Pre-Schoolers to set up a permanent home in the hall. Providing a comfortable and safe environment for the children.

Project manager, and local fire captain Mr Bill Kingwill said, the new upgrade will allow us to have meetings in the hall during winter and in summer our school speech night will be a much more pleasant experience.

"In the past you could have fried an egg on the back wall during summer, it was that hot, and in winter we froze, the hall can now be used all year," Bill said.

Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Council's Administrator Stephen Sykes said the Adjungbilly Hall upgrade will deliver many social, cultural and economic benefits to local community.

"These improvements also provide the local community with a facility that can be used effectively for future generations in all weathers. Providing a safe, comfortable and familiar environment for our children is very important," Stephen said.

Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson MP said she is happy to support the project from the Bongongo Public School P&C through the NSW Government's Stronger Communities program.

"Community halls are the hub of smaller communities and it is fantastic to support an initiative which will enable comfortable use of the Adjungbilly Hall year-round," Katrina said.

Picture and caption

Puggles Pre School students, Harrison Smith (Left), and Ashlynn Lucas (Right) pictured with Leanne Goldspink enjoy learning activities in the new space at the Adjungbilly Hall. The hall has received an upgrade that now allows groups to use the hall in all seasons. Thanks to the hard working Adjungbilly community, the Bongongo Public School Parents and Citizens group and a grant from the Stronger Communities Fund, which is administered by the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.



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