

Media Release

SCF Grant scores at Stockinbingal

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Although cricket season may have finished for the year the members of the Stockinbingal Cricket Club have been putting in the hours at their club over the break, helping out with renovations to the clubhouse. Built in 1988 by volunteer members of community and located at the Stockinbingal recreation ground, an overhaul to the shower and catering facilities was needed. The building is regularly used as a base for home cricket matches, training and other cricket functions and also used for other non-profit functions including the annual village fair.

The renovations have been made possible with a \$28,000 grant from the Stronger Communities Fund and will include new tiles and taps to the shower room. New benchtops and cupboards will be installed in the catering area. The club also plans to purchase a new fridge and freezer, paint the inside and outside of the club house and replace interior and exterior lights including the three existing flood lights on ground.

The Stronger Communities Fund is a NSW State Government initiative and administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. Grants in excess of \$1,000,000 were distributed to a multitude of local organisations who have undertaken a variety of projects, many of which have been completed are currently underway or about to start.

Established in 1893, the Stockinbingal club is the oldest in Cootamundra District Cricket Association and has a positive impact on the economy of Stockinbingal. The local competition has clubs from Temora, Wallendbeen and Young with visiting.

Stockinbingal Cricket Club treasurer Matthew Holt said, the update of clubhouse will enable club to continue enhancing the village spirit.

“We hope to continue to promote and create a social atmosphere that encourages a healthy and vibrant community. The aim of clubhouse upgrade is to minimise the effect on the natural environment whilst giving a more user friendly facility”, Matt said.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council administrator Mr Stephen Sykes said the club encourages everyone in the community to be involved.

“The renovations and upgrades at the clubhouse not only will be of benefit to the cricket community, the club house is used by other groups, with functions on and off the field being held at the ground. Having facilities that meet today’s standards are important for the future of village activities,” Mr Sykes said.

Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson MP said it is great the NSW Government's Stronger Communities program is supporting the work of a wide variety of local organisations.

“This is a great project, upgrading the clubs facilities and encouraging people to lead healthy and active lifestyles has never been more important. To be able to assist the Stockinbingal Cricket Club with this development is gratifying and what the Stronger Communities Fund is all about,” Katrina said.

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PHOTO and CAPTION

Working hard: Stockinbingal Cricket Club treasurer Matthew Holt is hard at work removing tiles from the clubhouse shower rooms at a recent working bee. The clubhouse is currently undergoing a renovation thanks to a grant received from CGRC Stronger Communities Fund.



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