

## Media Release

## Lions set for future

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A \$50,000 grant to Cootamundra Lions Clubs from the Stronger Communities Fund will allow the club to replace their aging catering and street stall vans. Lion's club members have travelled to Sydney recently to visit van manufacturers to inspect build quality and finish and confirm specifications. Following this visit, a suitable supplier was chosen and deposit for both vans being paid to commence their manufacture, with delivery expected in November.

Cootamundra Lions Club member and former club president Charlie Sheahan said the purchase of these vans will present a professional standard.

"The mobile street stall van will ensure the Lions club is able to meet the needs of the community organisations who use the van on a weekly basis and catering is becoming a big part of the Lions Club's activities," Mr Sheahan said.

The new catering van will put the club in a better position to cater for visiting functions, be equipped to meet food hygiene, OH&S and industry standards. A new street stall van will provide a safe and comfortable facility with a professional appearance.

The Cootamundra Lions Club is made up of community members who actively participate in fund raising and assisting other community groups with activities around the Cootamundra region. The club annually donates funds to the Riding for Disabled, Hospital Auxiliary, Nursing Home, local schools, Soup Kitchen, Soroptimists, Scouts, Girl Guides, Men's Shed, and other local charities.

By replacing these items, the Club believes it can continue the high quality community benefits it has provided for the Cootamundra community over the last 50 years. These flow on effects then lead to a wider community acceptance and appreciation of the Clubs goals and ambitions of building better communities.

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