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DROUGHT FUNDING TO BOOST LOCAL BUSINESS

Narrandera Shire Council has welcomed the announcement of \$1,000,000 in grant funding through the Federal Government Drought Communities Program. The purpose of the program is to inject funds into drought affected communities through the employment of locals and purchasing materials from local businesses. The projects funded under the program, are also expected to lead to the retention of businesses, services and facilities.

Council proposed eight projects and all have been approved, which is a fantastic outcome for the community.

The funding will see the purchase of mobile watering units and the employment of casuals to water street trees across the Shire. Together with the installation of irrigation systems for street trees in sections of Red Hill Industrial Estate, Irrigation Way entrance, Elizabeth Street and Larmer Street.

The entrance to Lake Talbot Swimming Pool Complex will receive a makeover through landscaping and rejuvenation of the entry sign, while kerbing will be added to the Narrandera Cemetery entrance with landscaping and an avenue of maple trees along the driveway.

Further funding will go towards the youth and community space as part of the Library extensions while the gateway entry to East Street from Whitton Street will include new blisters and landscaping works.

Shire Community Halls will also benefit from the funding allocation, with a new storage shed for Binya Hall, air-conditioning at Grong Grong Hall, the replacement of ceiling to Sandigo Hall and soundproofing, curtains and ceiling repairs to Barellan Hall.

Further works to will be done to enhance the Barellan Sportsground will be completed with new perimeter fencing while the Narrandera Sportsground oval boundary fence will be replaced with new chain link fencing and the old fence at Brewery Flat oval will be removed.

The pièce de résistance will be the installation of a mural on the Narrandera Town Water Tower something many community members have encouraged in keeping with many rural towns taking up the concept of large scale artworks. Artists, Apparition Media, have been appointed to carry out this work. The artists will hold workshops with local youth and community members to identify the themes about what Narrandera means to our community. Those themes will be used by the artists to develop the final artwork.

As part of the grant conditions all projects must be completed by 30 June 2019.

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