

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR VITAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack has announced the successful projects that have received funding under the Round 3 of the Commonwealth Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

Regional communities throughout Australia will benefit from 330 new infrastructure projects and community initiatives, as part of a \$204.3 million investment.

"It is projects such as these that ensure our regions remain strong, resilient and prosperous in the long term and I look forward to seeing these high-quality projects transform their local towns and communities and unlock regional Australia's economic potential. The projects will help build local economies and drive job creation, with more than 13,000 jobs to be supported throughout regional Australia, delivering career pathways and enabling people to stay in the communities they grew up in." Mr McCormack said.

Mr Mark Sutton, Chair of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Far North said that the successful projects in the Far North SA region will deliver vital infrastructure, services and skills to our regional communities.

"Over \$512,000 has been received from BBRF Round 3 to go towards a total project investment value of nearly \$740,000 for the region. This is a great outcome for this region and we pass on our congratulations to the worthy recipients.

"RDA Far North staff provided assistance and worked closely with various applicants for this funding opportunity and it is great to see the organisations benefit from the vast amount of experience provided by our team.

"The Far North successful projects have a real focus on community in terms of building vital infrastructure as well as providing training and skills opportunities for our youth, Aboriginal People and not-for-profit organisations.

"When complete the projects will assist in ensuring our region remains a great place to live, work and raise a family."

Successful projects for the Far North region are:

- Pika Wiya Health Service – Construction of a Men's shed in Port Augusta
- Remote and Isolated Childrens Exercise – Governance training for not-for-profit boards in Outback SA
- Business Port Augusta – Delivery of a festival to promote renewable energy and the region.
- Nature Foundation SA – Expansion of the Kids on Country Program
- Centacare Catholic Country SA – Fields of Strength – building foundations for rural suicide safety

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