



## **Shire of Dumbleyung Secures \$1.1M Grant Funding for Stubbs Park Redevelopment**

The Shire of Dumbleyung has just been awarded a \$1.1M Federal Government Disaster Ready Funding grant for a redevelopment of Stubbs Park Pavilion, which doubles as the Dumbleyung Evacuation Centre.

This represents a 50% funding contribution from the Federal Government towards a total project cost of circa \$2.21M. The remaining project funds will be provided by the Dumbleyung Future Fund (\$650K) and Stubbs Park Board (\$460K).

Significant pre-project planning work has been progressed through earlier efforts of the Stubbs Park Project Working Group with an agreed concept design already in place. It was based on this approved concept design that an estimated Quantity Surveyors (QS) cost was secured to assess the estimated project cost.

An independent audit assessment of Stubbs Park Pavilion was undertaken to assess the sites condition as a suitable fit for purpose Evacuation Centre. This Department of Communities audit concluded that the building required significant redevelopment.

Thus resulting Shire of Dumbleyung triggered effort to prepare and submit a grant application into the second competitive round of the Federal Government \$200M Disaster Ready Funding program.

Shire of Dumbleyung President Amy Knight said 'This is a wonderful outcome to the Shire and our community.'

'A redevelopment of Stubbs Park Pavilion has been a shortlisted infrastructure priority for a number of years, and now we have the project funding to move forward with construction'

'Huge thanks to the Shire of Dumbleyung team for pulling together a very compelling and ultimately successful project funding proposal, a great example of identifying a potential funding opportunity and tailoring a bid that meets the necessary program criteria.'

'A huge thank you also to the Stubbs Park Board of Management volunteers for their fundraising efforts and collaboration with the Shire in ensuring this project continued to progress.'

Stubbs Park Board Chair Carmen Bairstow said 'We are incredibly excited by this grant funding announcement.'

'As a voluntary not for profit organisation, our club volunteers have put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort towards a number of community cropping programs over the last few seasons. This has raised a significant amount of funding that was utilised as leverage in the successful Shire of Dumbleyung application.'



'We remain committed to working closely with our project partners as further detailed design planning is completed in readiness for final development.'

Shire of Dumbleyung CEO Gavin Treasure said 'The Shire of Dumbleyung continues to punch above its weight. This \$1.1M Federal Government grant funding decision comes on the back of another (earlier) \$1.6M grant received from the State Government for the Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project.'

'The Shire of Dumbleyung will now work closely with the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES), as lead agency for administering the program, to finalise a grant funding agreement to formalise the process and project milestones to gain access to this important project funding.'

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