

## **Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project Update**

Significant work has been undertaken to prepare a robust grant funding submission into this year's State Government Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) round for the Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project. Applying for CSRFF funding is from Community direction following the Community meetings.

The purpose of the CSRFF program is to provide financial assistance to community groups and local governments to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. This is a competitive whole of State program with a total funding pool of \$20M available for distribution in the 2024/25 financial year.

The Dumbleyung Shire Council formally considered and endorsed the Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project CSRFF submission at its most recent meeting held on 21st September 2023. The submission seeks to obtain circa \$1.6M (33%) in State Government CSRFF grant funding towards the project.

The deadline for CSRFF project submissions is 29th September 2023. The Shire of Dumbleyung formally lodged its submission on 26th September 2023. The Shire is hopeful of receiving news on outcomes of its CSRFF submission late 2023 or early into 2024.

This work follows on from another circa \$2.6M (50%) grant funding submission prepared and submitted for the new Federal Government Growing Regions Program (GRF). The GRF (Federal Govt) grant program is independent from the CSRFF (State govt) program. GRF is a two stage process with initial Expressions of Interest (EOI) due on 1st August 2023. The Shire awaits formal feedback on this initial submission. If the Shire receives a positive outcome on its EOI submission, we will then be invited to prepare and submit a stage two full application which closes on 12th December 2023.

The Shire of Dumbleyung official fundraising strategy has also kicked off with prioritised focus on offering opportunities for local farmers to consider donating towards the project, via this year's harvest. An official account name (Shire of Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Project) and number (40572570) has been established with CBH to initiate and streamline this donation process.

Farmers interested in making donations have two options available:-

- 1. Donate at one of the CBH bins on grain delivery
- 2. Contact CBH direct to donate from their Loadnet account

Given the significant capex cost anticipated for this important community project (circa \$5.4M) and the unknown outcome of any grant applications, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Professional architectural and engineering planning work continues on establishing detailed design drawings for the Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project in accordance with the preferred concept design.

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