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Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

Grants available for Community Projects

Community groups and Councils in the sprawling electorate of Lyons have an opportunity to secure State Government funding for projects that provide strong benefits to those living in the area.

The Hodgman Liberal Government has opened a \$13.9 million Community Infrastructure Fund grant program as part of its ongoing commitment to support local communities and jobs.

Liberal MP Guy Barnett said the Tasmanian Government now had the budget back on track and was able to invest the dividends into new or improved facilities and amenities for communities across the state, creating long term social and economic benefits while supporting jobs.

Mr Barnett said the funding would allow projects that had been held back due to financial restraints to come to fruition.

The infrastructure delivered by the fund must be openly accessible to the general public and provide strong benefits for the local community.

Potential projects include community halls and other local facilities, township beautification works and street furniture, community parks, lands, gardens and playgrounds, recreational and sporting facilities, footpaths and cycle ways, walking trails and public pathways.

The fund is open to not-for-profit organisations and local Councils (including Council-owned businesses) as well as private sector enterprises to assist with capital costs associated with the constructing or upgrading infrastructure that will benefit the community.

There are two divisions of grants available: Minor Grants for between \$10,000 and \$50,000 which don't require applicant co-contributions, and Major Grants for amounts exceeding \$50,000 which do require funding co-contributions from the applicant.

The Community Infrastructure Fund is another way the Hodgman Liberal Government is working hand-in-hand with local government, community groups and organisations, and

local businesses to support stronger and more liveable communities right around Tasmania and create jobs.

“More information and full guidelines are available at www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/CIF or from Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026, and you can also contact my Deloraine electorate office for help,” said Mr Barnett.

Applications close on 3 February 2017 for minor grants and 31 March 2017 for major grants.

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