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North West projects to get started with government funding

Mount Isa and a number of regional towns across the North West have secured more than \$2.2 million in Australian Government funding to get six key projects off the ground, which will help create more jobs and drive economic growth.

Funding from the Building Better Regions Fund, Infrastructure Projects Stream, has been allocated to three projects, including; \$442,394 towards the installation of flood light at Captain Cook and Sunset Oval in Mount Isa, \$993,618 to develop a community hub in Florence Clark Park in Cloncurry and \$712,000 to upgrade the water supply infrastructure in Normanton.

Local projects also received a boost through the Community Investments Stream, such as; \$20,000 to deliver the Building Local Leadership Program, \$20,000 to prepare an Indigenous cultural Tourism Strategic Plan and \$100,000 to deliver the Karumba Barra and Blues Festival in Normanton.

BBRF Round 3 has provided more than \$10 million towards 17 projects across the Regional Development Townsville and North West Queensland region.

RDA Acting Deputy Chair Professor Sabina Knight said the BBRF program supported the Australian Government's commitment to build stronger regional communities into the future.

"These projects also align with RDA's vision to achieve a prosperous, sustainable, cohesive and liveable region," she said.

"A lot of projects would not be able to get off the ground without the support of Australian Government programs, such as BBRF."

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said RDA had played a lead role in promoting and supporting the BBRF program.

"RDA held free workshops to provide potential applicants with advice on developing strong applications, as well as providing one-on-one advice and letters of support," Ms Schuntner said.

Projects in the North West Queensland region successful in BBRF Round 3 include:

- **Mount Isa City Council:** \$442,394 towards installation of flood light at Captain Cook and Sunset Oval
- **Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Development Zone Inc:** \$20,000 to deliver the Building Local Leadership Program
- **Carpentaria Shire Council:** \$712,000 to upgrade the water supply infrastructure in Normanton and \$100,000 to deliver the Karumba Barra & Blues Festival in Normanton
- **Cloncurry Shire Council:** \$993,618 to develop a community hub in Florence Clark Park in Cloncurry and \$20,000 to prepare an Indigenous cultural Tourism Strategic Plan.

More information about the Building Better Regions Fund is available at: www.business.gov.au/bbrf.

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