

From: Aleck Parry [<mailto:hotflush@live.com.au>]
Sent: Friday, 6 December 2019 12:28 PM
To: Lithgow City Council
Cc: Andrew Powrie
Subject: Drought communities funding

In response to the December issue of Lithgow Business & Tourism Matters. I would like to propose a suggestion for the Drought Communities Program Funding.

As a local Lithgow plumber I am always trying to give customers the opportunity to save some water. With the use of new products that have been designed to conserve water, house holds & businesses are able to reduce their water consumption significantly and at the same time improve the quality of their homes and business with modern new fixtures in their bathrooms, kitchens, laundry's, and gardens.

With this in mind I propose that the Draught Community Funding be used in a similar way.

- ***Community facilities** repairs, maintenance, upgrading or building new.
- ***Community spaces** repairs, maintenance, upgrades, construction and fit-out.
- ***Using local contractors** to undertake repairs and maintenance

Community halls, Restaurants, Cafes, Pubs, offices and the like could be offered allocated funds to upgrade their old amenities to new water efficient fixtures and amenities which would:

- Improve the value of the place of building.
- Improve the quality of Amenities resulting in better experience for customers/patrons
- Generate work for the community in the building industry.
- Significantly reduce the local consumption of water.
- Local Business supplying fixtures

In Lithgow we are in a unique location where we are not as effected by the drought as much as surrounding areas near us.

This also could also be an opportunity to donate the quantity of water that we save from the result of upgrading our water consuming fixtures and amenities in the local community.

The water we save in Lithgow could be donated from our water supply to local farms and businesses that are effected by the draught.

I would be happy to offer more information and details on available products if this idea generates any interest with you.

With regards,



Aleck Parry

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To Lithgow Council,

Thank you for giving Capertee Valley Landcare an opportunity to outline our project proposals for the next round of "Drought Community" funding.

We have identified 3 projects that we believe are essential steps that need to be taken in order for us to have a chance to restore and protect both our landscape and our community resilience in the face of on going drought and hardship.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would consider our following project proposals;

Project 1

Hydrological landscape part 2

Capertee Valley Landcare are currently embarking on a community hydrological project funded by Wentworth Healthcare to improve the resilience of both the community and it's landscape. Our inspiration for this project is based on the highly successful prototype which is happening at Mulloon Creek, Braidwood by The Mulloon Institute.

Our proposal is for Lithgow Council to support and finance a 4 day intensive "restoring the hydrology" course, similar to what is offered by the Mulloon Institute in Braidwood by Tarwyn Park Training with great success.

The cost of the course is \$2400 per person and can educate a maximum of 20 people per Course.

Due to our successful first engagement event held in October 2019 CVLandcare have attracted the attention of The Mulloon Institute and Tarwyn Park Training. Both parties have identified Capertee Valley Landcare as being a priority partner.

Attached is two videos, the first explaining the theory as to how we have altered our landscape the other is of The Mulloon Institutes 100 catchment plan.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5e7gexpke9ukjex/TMI Animation FINAL credits HighRes.mp4?dl=0>

<https://www.abc.net.au/austory/hope-springs/10395974>

\$50,000

Project 2

To host a sustainable 2 day farm festival/field days event

In the Capertee Valley we have an active community with a wide range of farming practices and a passion to explore and develop best practice methods of modern farming and land care. We believe The majestic Capertee Valley would be the ideal location for a sustainable festival/ field days.

We envisage this festival/ field days to connect rural sustainability and drought resilience to the concerns of people living in the city who eat the food produced in the valley and express concern for the landscape but have little to no way of connecting to the land or those who live and work upon it. The festival/ field day will give us the ability to collaborate with groups from other areas, reducing our sense of isolation and create a conversation between rural producers and urban consumers that bridge the distances that separate us through our common concern for land. While we are already hard at work to address the impacts of climate change and the ongoing drought in our catchment, this festival offers us the opportunity to place our project in a wider context and spark a conversation about the realities of life on the land and the efforts of rural communities to address these issues.

Not only is the location ideal but we have the right people to achieve a highly successful event. We are already in partnership with Cementa Inc., who have mounted a successful art festival in nearby Kandos over the last 8 years, drawing a predominantly urban audience into our region. Kandos School of Cultural Adaptation who work with farming communities to generate cultural change and create conversations between the rural and urban communities, is already driving the cultural content that would inform the festival. Local Land Services, and local Aboriginal custodians are engaged in contributing significant cultural and traditional knowledge to our project, and the Mulloon Institute renowned for creating drought resilient landscapes through the methods of Natural Sequence Farming is working with us to design and implement a catchment wide approach to the hydrology of our valley.

This festival/ field day will generate significant economic tourism for the region, through marketing to both city and regional NSW. There is yet to be a sensational farm festival on a grand scale that captures the passionate concern for our farmers and the land they live and work on that is now such a strong focus of National attention. It is time to celebrate ALL the amazing lessons we have learnt about this great land for over 60,000 years just before we need to knuckle down and get on with the job of restoring our land.

We envisage that this will be a 2 day event held in October / November 2020 and would be located throughout the Valley in various locations. We have the ability and contacts to be able to project imagery on the stunning escarpment's that surround the Capertee Valley and install lighting displays to create night garden walking tracks.

Music is essential and is to represent all genres but music is not the main focus of this event the "Land" is what this festival is about and the theme will be "Water". We are currently in discussion and coordinating with local indigenous groups and LLS Greg Ingram- Senior Land Services Officer/ Aboriginal Communities to coordinate a "Water" ceremony to kick start the festival/ field days, this has not been performed in this area for over 200 years.

Farming stalls and food stalls will be represented just like they would at the Mudgee field day, a main domain where keynote speakers will present, workshops and tours will be offered both on private and public land.

A family event which focuses on cross generational knowledge.

\$250,000

Project 3

Mains water hydrant extension plan for Capertee Valley;

The Oberon fish river catchment has higher rainfall than the Capertee Valley. Dams and underground water is drying up making fire fighting very difficult. Drying up of these once reliable sources of water not only makes fire fighting difficult but it also means that it affects our farmers and their ability to maintain their farming enterprises. Farmers are already pushed to the limits and in some cases are just trying to hold onto their core breeding herds.

Lithgow Council have approved many subdivisions in the area. This has increased the number of assets such as homes, sheds and livestock handling facilities all these assets need protecting. This is putting enormous pressure on our small volunteer RFS group, a large contingency of which are farmers...double pressure for our farmers!

Just recently in order to fight the western end of the Gaspers mountain fire which threatened both Glen Davis / Glen Alice the RFS and National Parks had to organise large water containers to be filled and on standby in paddocks. These were the make shift helicopter water refilling stations. Unfortunately due to the amount of man handling required often the containers we're not filled in enough time for the next helicopter. It was clearly demonstrated that when fighting the fire in Glen Davis that the efficiency in filling the containers straight from a hydrant saved precious time, money and possibly lives. We need to not only look at creating this efficiency throughout the valley we need to act upon achieving this need for both human and livestock life.

National Parks have pumped so much groundwater out of the Upper Nile for fire fighting purposes that it will be sometime before these aquifers recover. Should we have a fire start by lightning strike or a human mishap in the valley floor (9 of these have happened already this year) our ability to fight fires such as these successfully will be severely jeopardised due to the inaccessibility of a reliable water source!

Our proposal is to use part of this \$1 million Drought Community money to lobby NSW Water to install additional water hydrants and spurs with hydrants in the pipeline to allow water for easy access along Crown Station Road, Glen Alice Road and the junction of Genowlan and Huntingdale Roads. These outlets are needed for fire fighting purposes, watering of livestock and if need be community members who pay exorbitant money to have their water trucked in from outside the Valley.

This project is also fully endorsed by Bruce Richardson - Glen Alice / Fire Captain

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We believe our community deserves Lithgow Council's support with these projects as the Capertee Valley is home to not only a wonderful group of community minded people, but is home to many a varied species and is a majestic place to visit. Please help us protect it!

If any of these projects are not successful with attracting Lithgow Councils Community Drought funding support, it would be greatly appreciated if you could at least supply us with feedback as to why we were not successful.

Yours Sincerely

Kerrie Cooke
President

Capertee Valley Landcare

From: "Rich@villagevoice.net.au" <Rich@villagevoice.net.au>

Date: 5 January 2020 at 9:36:27 am AEDT

To: council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

Cc: Andrew Powrie <Andrew.Powrie@lithgow.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Drought Funding Proposal for business promotion

As discussed with Michael, please find attached information on our proposal for the promotion of local business for next round of Drought Funding for 2020.

We would be happy to discuss this proposal further and explore opportunities to have it fit in with other activities Council is planing for economic stimulus.

Kind Regards,

Rich Evans

CEO

Central West Media Pty Ltd.

Central West Media - Drought Funding Proposal

Central West Media Pty Ltd, Publishers of the Lithgow Village Voice Have a proposal for Drought funding to create an economic stimulus in line with the goals of the grant.

The Village Voice Is a trusted source of information In the LGA and we feel that we are well placed to provide a conduit to local businesses and the promotion of local shopping.

We have found that in these tough economic times people are mistakenly avoiding marketing in their businesses as they feel they cannot afford it, despite campaigns we have run for them in the past having been successful.

Marketing is something that is completely misunderstood by the vast majority of business owners as they see it as a cost not an investment. Part of the issue local businesses face is increasing online competition, shopping in larger centres in neighbouring areas and a general lack of knowledge of what the Lithgow business community has to offer.

We would like to propose funding a full page of local business advertising in the paper each week - funded by the drought funding so we can pass on advertising to local businesses affected by the drought in the following ways:

1. Free quarter page advertorials x 2 each week for local businesses that apply for free advertising with a limit of two per business
2. Quarter page business information and training article
3. Free promotion of council workshops and events held for business training purposes funded by drought funding.

In addition, Lithgow Village Voice will offer free advertising to community groups and for not for profit /non commercial community events run by not for profit groups.

The cost of this funding would be for 50 issues this year at a cost of \$660 per issue including GST. A total cost of \$33,000 given back to local businesses ensuring that the local community are aware they exist and helping their businesses grow.

The Village Voice would implement a system of application for local businesses and manage the development of content and promotion with each individual business and then use these advertorials online As part of a new "InBusiness" section on our new website (launching February) giving an online visibility to each business that advertises with us that could be shared to social media channels and used to promote the true diversity of our economy.

Given the recent bushfires have compounded the hard times facing our economy, this funding allocation would be a direct driver for economic stimulus and would work in well with any other initiatives that council and it's staff have underway in this arena for 2020.

From: wallerawanglidsdaleprogress
To: [Deborah McGrath](mailto:Deborah.McGrath)
Subject: Community Drought Relief Grant
Date: Thursday, 9 January 2020 1:53:53 PM

Hi Deborah,

I have just been sent another suggestion for the grant funds from a keen fisherman for an aeration system at Lake Wallace.

The aeration system will prevent algae growth and minimise smells from stagnant water by destratifying the water layers.

As we know there is limited water going into Lake Wallace now so this problem will be exacerbated.

Regards
Rod Francis

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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EOI Drought Communities Grant Funding - Union Theatre Front of House and completion works

Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to deliver upgraded front of house spaces to increase venue revenue and local spending by offering multiple spaces for hire, including a refreshed event hall, large meeting room, and gallery space. The minor works involve painting all public spaces (excluding toilets), resurfacing the hall floors, replacing damaged sections of the pressed metal ceiling, repair/replacement of the proscenium, furnishings and minor repair works not usually considered maintenance (repair to floorboards, exterior cleaning).

Key Benefits and Outcomes

Upgrading the public spaces will ensure the venue will service different community needs, resulting in a multi-purpose community facility that attracts increased revenue and diverse use. A multi-purpose venue will also provide increased opportunities to attract external hirers to the region providing tourism revenue and local spending.

The project seeks to leverage a recent Regional Cultural Fund grant that delivered upgraded back of house facilities, subsequently providing the region with a refreshed attractive cultural venue that meets industry standard that will stimulate local community spending, engage local businesses and suppliers, result in local employment through casual and event staffing, and activate the Main Street retail precinct.

The project will assist Council to meet community expectation of a renewed iconic cultural venue following the success of the Regional Cultural Fund grant. Along with the grant, Council made a significant investment to bring the back of house facilities up to industry standard in order to be competitive within the performance/touring market. Bringing infrastructure and equipment up to standard was an essential stage in the venues development. Undertaking these front of house works, however, will extend the use of the venue beyond stage-based events to bookings for weddings, conferences, meetings/presentations, exhibitions, and education based activity for example.

Transforming the venue, which to date has primarily only serviced stage-based events, into a multi-purpose cultural venue will dramatically increase the opportunities for local creatives/business to promote their practices, reach audiences, and offer the community increased opportunity to participate in cultural activity. As well as engaging local contractors to undertake the works, the increased activity within the venue will also deliver opportunities for event based employment.

Budget

Item	Cost	Item	Cost
Painting	\$32,454	Furnishings	\$9,000
Floor resurfacing	\$9,000	Evacuation chair	\$800
Ceiling replacement	\$5,000	Stage steps	\$3,000
Proscenium	\$10,000	Pathways / landscaping	\$5,000
Minor works	\$4,000	Alarm system	\$800
Heating/cooling	\$20,000		
Total	\$99,054		

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 12 December 2019 10:19 AM
To: Lithgow City Council
Subject: Government funding



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to put forward my thoughts on the spending by council of the \$!000000 Grant given to you by the Federal Government.

Now that you have boosted the moral of all the would be farmers around the town and wilted away (some may say wasted away) the first grant given I hope you manage to be far more productive with this second grant!

Perhaps consideration to all those in the district that are actually running farming properties and have PIC numbers and submit stock numbers etc to Local Land Services, could this time be given. A reduction in council rates would be one way to help in a far more direct manner, as would subsidising water purchasing for those having to do this.

Money put towards sustaining water in our local rivers would be of long term benefit and needs to be looked into.

I hope our council can see fit to spend this grant much more wisely and to the benefit of those in need. We need far more than a "cup of tea" to keep going!!

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Potential Project for Drought Communities Program Funding - Boundary Fencing Lowther War Memorial Reserve

Background

The Lowther-War Memorial sits in a picturesque natural setting overlooking the road to Jenolan Caves in the Central Tablelands hamlet of Lowther, near Lithgow. Originally erected as a monument to the memory of local soldiers from Lowther, Hampton and Duddawarra who fell in World War I, it now commemorates all local personnel who served with the armed forces in the defence of Australia.



The war memorial and surrounding crown reserve land is managed by a small group of locals who have been appointed as Reserve Land Managers.

An Anzac Day Dawn Service and a Remembrance Day Service is held each year at the Lowther War Memorial Reserve, with over 250 people regularly attending the Dawn Service.

Proposed Project

In the last few years the boundary fence of the War Memorial Reserve has sadly been heavily vandalised with many fence and strainer posts removed and wires cut. This damage can be seen in the photos below.





The Lowther War Memorial Reserve Managers request that Lithgow Council consider funding the removal of existing damaged fencing and the erection of a new boundary fencing using hinge joint fencing and steel strainer posts.

It is proposed that all fencing supplies would be purchased from Adam's Shed at Hartley and local fencing contractors used to remove the old fencing and erect the new fence. It is estimated that the cost of this project would be in the range \$7500-\$8000.

Benefits

The Lowther War Memorial Reserve shares a boundary with two agricultural properties and so reinstating the fencing would allow the neighbouring farmers to be able to utilise their adjoining paddocks for grazing of livestock.

Reinstating the fencing would also limit wildlife from entering the reserve and then accessing Jenolan Caves Road.

The Lowther War Memorial Reserve Managers thank you for considering our project for Drought Communities Program Funding.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Bruce

Secretary

Lowther War Memorial Reserve Manager



Idea for immersive, emergent theatre production by Trybal Productions

Following on from the success of Trybal Productions last two projects:

- 'Out of the dark' a self funded CD created by Lithgow musicians impacted by trauma of suicide that has so far raised over \$1300 for suicide prevention projects in the Lithgow area and has had three events in local venues to promote mental health awareness.
- 'The Garden of the Mind' (GOTM) an immersive, emerging, site-specific theatrical production created by members of the Lithgow community guided by professionals from the Australian theatre and music industry. GOTM drew from stories of living with mental distress in the Lithgow area and also the impact of the drought on farmer's wellbeing. The show was sold out and has since been nominated for two community awards and feedback from participants and audience has been that the production was powerful and cathartic. Others have stated that the standard of the GOTM show is what they expect from a production in Sydney or Melbourne and they felt immense pride that it was made in Lithgow by and for the community.

Trybal Productions propose to build on this positive momentum and develop one or multiple theatrical and music pieces over the coming year to showcase the talents and the depth of experience and creative expression of the people of Lithgow.

Trybal productions has connected positively and collaboratively with farming families and farming associations within the Lithgow area and aim to build on these relationships and again incorporate their experiences as an intrinsic theme in the creative productions.

We wish to present these theatrical and musical productions to a wider more diverse audience within the Lithgow community and to use local un-expected venues to create surprising and exciting theatre that speaks to people on many different levels.

Our previous projects financially supported local businesses by; hiring local venues for rehearsal and performance, hired equipment and bought food from local suppliers, paid local musicians and theatre producers for their performances and services.

Many mental health providers from within Lithgow were included in the development and production of the GOTM which created a platform for



professionals from different services to meet collaboratively on a project to benefit the community and service users. The response from the Lithgow community mental Health team was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging, Cathy Crowe the Director of Nepean Blue Mountains Mental health services (who attended the final show at the State Mine museum) stated

'I do believe that thinking about how we connect with our communities in innovative ways is the key to connection with consumers of the service, their friends and families. The impact that your group has had on reducing stigma in the Lithgow community should not be underestimated'

For those participating in the processes of developing the performance it reduced their sense of social isolation and created a platform from which their mental health challenges and need for compassionate support was heard and respected.

Importantly farmers who participated in the project said that they felt more confident in accessing local mental health support services and would be more likely to recommend local support services to their colleagues who were experiencing mental health challenges due to the stresses of the on going drought.

Our core group of participants for GOTM ranged from the ages of 15 to 72 which is a very positive reflection on the ability of this type of production and the Trybal production team to bring together many different groups of people, in this way reducing a sense of isolation and building resilience and cohesion within the local community.

Funding would assist with:

1. Wages for theatre/music/video producers and directors
2. Performer's fee's
3. Venue hire (rehearsal and performance)
4. Sound, lighting and staging Equipment hire
5. Marketing, Website and Facebook maintenance
6. Food for rehearsals and main event
7. Administration and documentation of processes
8. Research and evaluation
9. Auspicing by Arts out West

We look forward to having an opportunity to discuss this proposal with you in the near future.

Kind regards

Sue and James Daley
info@trybalproductions.com



focusing creativity within communities to promote health and wellbeing

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Expression of interest

**From: Lake Wallace Community Boating Centre Inc.
135 Wolgan Rd Lidsdale.**

**To: Lithgow City Council
Mort St , Lithgow.**

**Attention Michael McGrath
Re: Application for funding**

The Community Boating Centre would like to obtain electrical power from the Council pumping station opposite the Wallerawang Public School to the Centre shed.

The distance for the caballing (underground) would be 180meters with the meter being placed in Councils meter box at the pumping station.

At the other end in the shed would be a small control panel with power points.

The price at the moment is approx \$9500 this is only an estimate at this stage as our electrical contractor is tied up with the fires.

Thanking you



Brian Kinney

Secretary

Date; 20-12-2019

Phone:0470042732

From: Sharon Holt [<mailto:gm@linc.org.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 December 2019 11:24 AM
To: Lithgow City Council
Subject: FW: Expressions of interest- drought Relief

Dear General Manager,

As you may be aware Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre(LINC) is a large non for profit Organisation.

LINC supports hundreds of vulnerable people in the Lithgow LGA.

Below are a list of programs LINC services deliver to the Lithgow LGA and surrounding communities.

- Child, Youth and Adolescent counseling
- 2nd Bite and Food rescue Communities and Kids
- Community Lunch for the elderly
- Flo's kitchen- Morning teas
- Food services (meals on Wheels)
- Doreens , Dementia support respite
- Shopping assistance
- Home modifications
- Home maintenance and Gardening programs
- Disability services
 - Accommodation
 - Day programs
 - Plan management
 - Individual supports
 - Overnight respite
 - Independent Living
- Community Hub
- Multicultural support
- 30 Volunteers
- 65 employees

For Linc to be able to increase the service delivery and support to the community we need to expand the services, however LINC requires a new building. LINC has grown out of the building at 1 Padley Street Lithgow.

The building at 1 Padley street is becoming unsafe and too small for our growing services.

Linc requires council land in the town of Lithgow to develop a purpose built Centre. We will need Funds to cover the Development application, draftsman/designer and builder and cost to build. LINC would be grateful with assistance to any of the mentioned requirements to start the project.

LINC would also like to express interest with Lithgow City Council utilizing part of the drought relief funding to employ a Drought Relief Support Coordinator. This position would be of great assistance to those effected by drought. The position would be available at the LINC premises and would be off site to visit drought effected areas. The position would assist those effected by way of providing guidance with sourcing stakeholders who can assist with grants, financial hardship and necessary resources to sustain their properties, stock and livelihood. This position might well work in unison with the Rural and Mental Health Services employee's in the Central West area.

Sharon Holt & Lydia Commins
General Manager Service Manager

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Email: gm@linc.org.au

I would like to put forward ideas for project to receive funding from the Drought Communities Program.

Creation of 'Lithgow TV' (working title)

Goal:

A large screen TV is placed in the Lithgow Valley Plaza and also a large screen projection in Cook Street plaza also at the Lithgow Tourist information centre.

The TV and projector runs footage of what is happening in the Lithgow area for example:

- interviews and footage from Walk and Talk and Lithgow community gardens and the community choirs, Mens shed and womens shed.
- What is happening locally in health i.e. mindfulness and meditation groups at LINC
- Alcohol and cigarette cessation programs
- short films showing the stunning landscape and places of interest in the lithgow area..including what buses/trainsport options are available to get there. Maybe a film following a bus driver on his route...(we are interested in celebrating and putting faces to this great community)
- Music videos of local musicians (see attached for an example) <https://vimeo.com/363233752> Sean Bacon Vimeo.
- What is happening at the schools
- sporting events with interviews with participants
- Interviews with local health services
- advice on keeping physically and mentally well
- info on how to access local services
- local music and theatrical/art events
- Council news and projects (i.e interviews with the staff who are building/improving infrastructures)

Ongoing sponsorship potentially from local businesses with community development/arts/health promotion focus, and the health sector.

The ongoing sponsorship would enable locals to have sustainable employment in the Arts and create a much wider community awareness of what is available socially and creatively and also about what health supports are also available and how to access them.

Trybal Productions would be able to facilitate and support ongoing running of the project and initially engage professional film maker to give tuition/workshops so locals learn skills to be able to record and edit video footage for Lithgow TV. The goal would be that long term sponsorship would be enough to employ a small crew of film makers who have been trained by Trybal.

Ideally the project requires:

- studio space
- HD cameras with rigs. (Black Magic Cameras are professional standard)
- audio recording equipment
- computer and editing suite software
- payment for coordination and management of project
- Payment for film maker to run workshops
- initial payment before sponsorship is established to employ trainer and locals to create content for launch.
- A large screen projector and TV plus rigging and installation costs.

This idea evolved as we noticed that many of the people who attend the fantastic groups run locally are from quite a small part of the overall community, we want to showcase what is going on in this amazing town in a very public way and encourage more diverse people to connect with these groups and start to help forge new story's about what living in Lithgow is like. We know that there are so many incredible people in Lithgow, and the more Lithgow is known as a centre of excellence for community, the Arts and health the better for everyone.

We look forward to be able to discuss the potential of this project with you in greater detail.

Kindest regards

Sue and James Daley

On Behalf of Trybal Productions.

Lithgow City Council Drought Communities Program Submission

Lithgow Area Women's Shed

Lithgow Area Women's Shed Would like to suggest a project as part of the Drought Communities Program: **\$100 000 FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF OUR WATER DAMAGED DEMOUNTABLE BUILDING.**

The building we are currently using is located at Lithgow Greyhound Club Union Street. This building has water damage and we have been advised not to spend any money on it, this has held our group back from improving the building to suit our needs, for example installing an access ramp, security and toilet facilities. Consequently we are seeking an alternate option. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greyhound Club and they are happy for us to replace the demountable we are using as our shed.

Lithgow Area Women's Shed has been operating for almost 2 years. We have 38 members and interest from potential new members. The shed has been a place for women to meet, form connections and learn new skills. Many friendships have been formed and emphasis has been put on supporting all members to increase their sense of well-being. This has been demonstrated during the fires with members keeping in touch and supporting each other.

This year we have been holding regular weekly workshops. We have also been holding more specialised workshops utilising mental health well-being funding we received. These workshops were open to non-members. They were very successful and well attended. We intend to run 6 more of these workshops next year. Members are also participating in mental health gatekeeper activities such as Suicide Prevention courses as part of the grant agreement.

We are continuing to adjust our model to meet the need in the community-we are changing our regular Saturday workshops to Thursday mornings to accommodate participants.

We regularly fundraise-Bunnings BBQs, cake stalls, boot sale & Vale Ladies bingo. We have also been successful in applying for several grants.

We have community support from the Lithgow Men's Shed, Bunnings, Lithgow High School, the Greyhound Club and partners, family and friends of members.

We intend to use local suppliers and materials to complete this project. This project will provide income for businesses involved – builder/supplier of shed or demountable building, slab and security. Also services such as plumbing and electrical. Long-term, the provision of a suitable building will enable us to continue to offer workshops to members and non-members. Flow on benefits will be increased sense of connection and well-being for participants.

PROPOSAL

- Remove existing demountable building.
- Replace with demountable modular building or shed.
- Cement slab to enable installation of heavy equipment for example drill press & lathe.
- Building to include kitchen/meeting area, disabled toilet/shower, and disabled access (ramp & wide doors)
- Veranda/undercover area
- Install security system
- Hi-cube container to store timber.
- Upgrade car park area

The women's shed is also open to other options and would appreciate support from council.

OPTION 2: Funding to install demountable or shed on council supplied property.

OPTION 3: Funding to occupy suitable building supplied by council.

Thank you

Kind regards

Leanne Hopkins

On behalf of Lithgow Area Women's Shed

Mob: 0438 766 891

lithgowwomensshed2018@gmail.com

Dear Lithgow Council

I have been invited to give feedback re possible programs that could be funded to support residents of Lithgow that may be suffering as a result of the drought.

I operate a psychological practice and provide counselling and psychotherapy. In my work I have observed high levels of distress and hopelessness due to the hardships some of my clients are experiencing. I see a lot of single people who are not farming, but are either hobby farmers or landowners on rural blocks. They are extremely isolated and their physical and mental illhealth further increase their vulnerability.

Practical support would assist them most at this vulnerable time. Some ideas include-

- assistance with outdoor maintenance eg clearing gutters, preparing for bushfire protection etc
- financial assistance to engage local plumbers to check and repair pipes and water tanks so that tank water can be collected, and or filling water tanks
- financial assistance to engage local vets to offer support eg desexing, vaccinations etc
- vouchers for petrol and groceries for those experiencing hardship As you are aware the tragic local bushfires will only heighten the vulnerability and distress of this group of people.

Please contact me if you would like any further clarification.

Regards



From [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 20 December 2019 10:59 AM

To: Lithgow City Council <council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au>

Cc: andrew.gee.mp@aph.gov.au

Subject: Submission Community Drought-communities-programme

Submission re expenditure of Community Drought Funding from Commonwealth Government. The second \$1million dollars.

I do not consider that Lithgow City Council area is unduly effected by drought, we are not even on water restrictions however if we have been given this money it needs to be used to assist those members of the community who are in need both within the Lithgow City Council area and adjoining farming communities.

The funding should be used to subsidise water delivery to outlying areas in Lithgow, this cost of buying water is very expensive and is causing hardship. Council could also lobby on behalf of Hartley residents to get the River Lett running again (yes I am a resident of Hartley), I realise this is not a local government responsibility however we have been left very vulnerable if we have a fire, it is too late to save wildlife such as platypus etc.

Lithgow council spent the last \$1 million dollars, according to council records as follows; Community hall and facility upgrades /playground improvements / Rydal toilet / tourism sign posting / Portland Golf club water harvesting / sporting facilities water irrigation systems / weed eradication, did these infrastructure projects create employment opportunities for Lithgow, and stimulate local spending? Did these projects create additional local employment or support council budget? There needs to be far more transparency and information disseminated.

Other expenditure was Mental health & Well Being Community events, these were mostly catered for by businesses outside the Lithgow area, therefore not stimulating local employment or financial benefit. The \$40,000 spent on upskilling primary producers, and trials to compare and test the benefits/problems/viability/economic benefits of compost use in pastures &25,000, where are these results available ??

Improve water access for Capertee at fire sheds should be of assistance at this time.

I recommend that the Lithgow Council should use this next \$1million dollars to relieve the effect of Drought for the benefit of those community members directly or indirectly impacted by the drought i.e. subsidise water cartage for residents buying water, assist with the feeding of stock and now help with the fire fighters and any victims of the fires, and create local employment especially for people effected by drought.

Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 December 2019 6:33 PM
To: Lithgow City Council
Cc: andrew.gee.mp@aph.gov.au
Subject: Drought Communities Program

I am writing this submission regarding the 2nd round of one million dollars granted to Lithgow City Council for the Drought Communities Program.

Firstly, in my opinion, Lithgow City Council is not unduly affected by drought with the exception of outlying areas having to buy water and feed stock.

I am at a loss as to why the 1st round of one million dollars was used for projects that do NOT relate to drought. However if that were the case did it provide employment for Lithgow residents or was it absorbed into Lithgow Council with Council staff and outside contractors used for these projects?

Also, the community events were catered for by out of town contractors – how did this help local businesses, not to mention the entertainment from elsewhere!

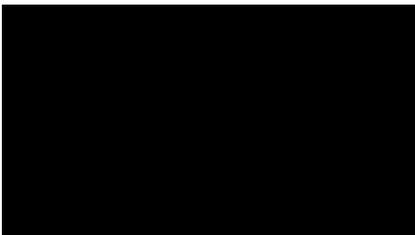
Some transparency should be forthcoming to the residents regarding these concerns.

Secondly, If Council feel obligated to accept this 2nd round of drought funding, my suggestions are as follows:-

1. Provide subsidy for all ratepayers having to buy essential water both water and cartage. This could be capped for each individual application if necessary.
2. Provide some sort of shelter/housing for Lithgow homeless, as I believe there is many sleeping rough and exposed in the Lithgow area.
3. Due to the current situation in Lithgow regarding fires and homes lost with possibility of more to follow, it could be used to help those residents cruelly affected to cover cost of reconnection of essential services to their properties and/or to assist in any way Council could, ie providing water tanks.
4. If a community event is necessary, I recommend it be solely for fire fighters and volunteers that helped within the community and the residents directly affected by this devastating fire event that we have just experienced.

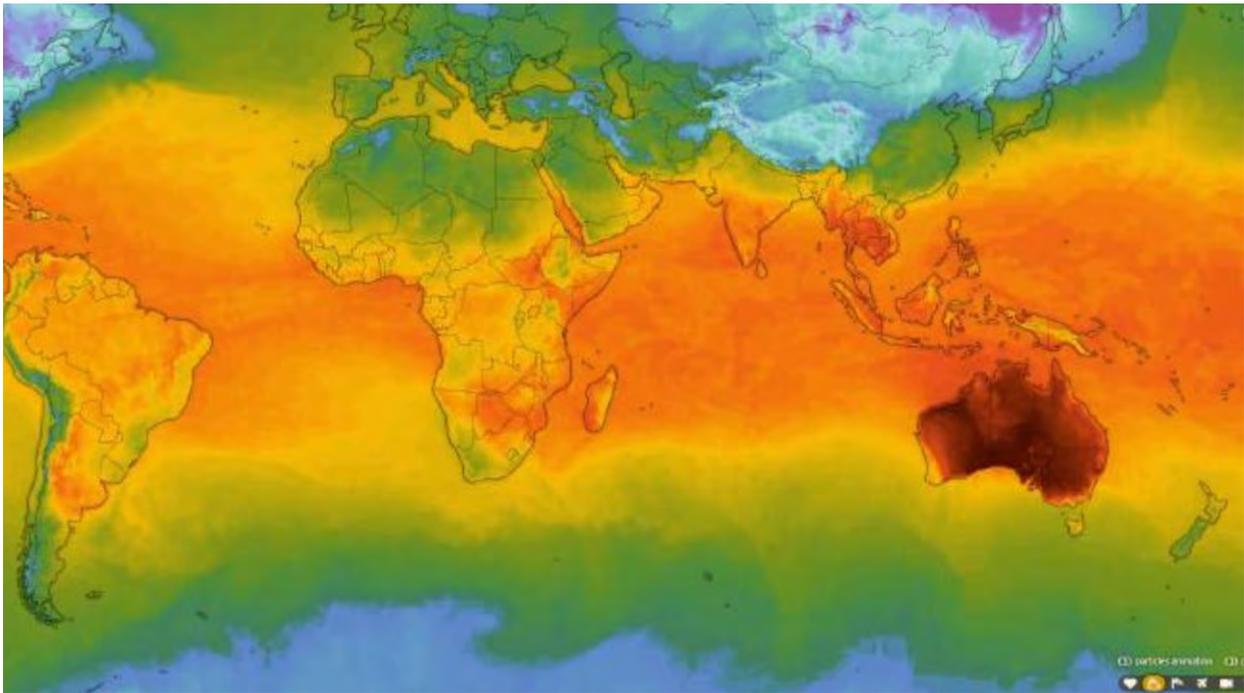
I do hope Council consider one or all of these proposals and I am very happy to discuss them at any given time.

Regards



Drought Communities Grant Funding Have Your Say Response

December 2019



Picture: Windy.



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About NSW Farmers

The NSW Farmers' Association is Australia's largest State farming organisation representing the interests of its members that are explicitly connected to primary production, the environment, biosecurity, water, economics, trade and rural and regional affairs. We also have an eye on the future of agriculture as advocates for innovation, striving to ensure our members have access to the latest research, development and extension opportunities.

While current drought conditions are extremely harsh, farmers understand that agriculture works on seasonal cycles and as such plan for significant variations in environmental conditions and adjust their risk management strategies accordingly. Farmers know how to gain the most productive output adapting to a variety of unpredictable weather and environmental conditions. Every season provides an opportunity to adapt and refine practice.

This is also where strategies that complement business decisions; empower farmers to mitigate risk; and enable long-term planning need to be prioritised for funding from the Drought Communities Grant. This must provide support and initiatives to underpin localised response to drought and fire and contribute to re-building and aid the Lithgow LGA. This funding must be outcome, not input focussed.

Our region's farmers are often referred to as resilient and self-sufficient. However, there is a critical inter-dependency with the local community – including essential retail and business services, social and cultural engagement, and provision/maintenance of essential infrastructure to recover from the impacts of drought and fire. Maintenance of Lithgow's productive capacity is critical and the sustainability of its micro-economies is vital.

Drought Communities Funding Principles:

- As stated by Senator The Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation – projects undertaken through the Drought Communities Funding should “provide immediate short-term support to communities facing hardship arising from drought. It will fund projects that provide local employment, keep money flowing through local shops and suppliers and support drought-relief”.
- Drought resilience is a direct result of strong and ongoing management decisions by farmers – but no farmer or community can prepare for severe and extended drought.
- Local Government support must respond to the needs/issues identified as hardship from drought – not the other way around.
- The Drought Communities Funding must be complementary with programs for enabling infrastructure (water, road, community facilities etc.) as well as other ongoing programs for rural and regional relief.

Let's Drought Proof Lithgow

While Lithgow doesn't currently warrant the introduction of water restrictions, regions of the Lithgow LGA are water stricken. In recent events, stored water has been expended in firefighting and asset protection efforts leaving residents, animals and wildlife without water. In addition, water from Angus Place colliery including two discharge points - one from the mine which was treated and the other that collected surface water into settling ponds - was cut off on 8 December 2019 with no back up in place for residents and reducing inflows to the Cox's River. The Hartley Branch is still awaiting a response to our enquiries with Lithgow Council on this matter.

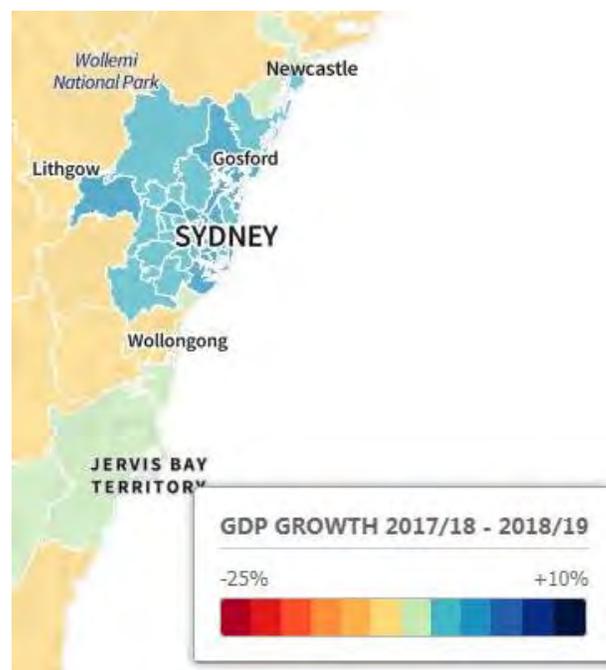
Consultation by the Hartley Branch with members, landholders, public land managers and local contractors identified **water** as the greatest issue affecting Lithgow. Water is a critical enabler for economic growth and therefore necessary to have water management practices that diversify economies and build vibrant and sustainable communities.

As per the Lithgow Community Participation Plan 2019 - *Planning's core function is to shape our built and natural environments to prepare for future challenges and opportunities. As part of the shaping process, it is important to establish what our community envisions as the future of the Lithgow City Council area.*

And

Through purposeful discussion between Council and local community members we seek to manage growth, embrace change while preserving local character and environment whilst providing high quality design outcomes.

One of the questions raised is whether we want the smaller communities in the Lithgow LGA still to exist – do we want them to 'stay open' or close down? How will Lithgow's future growth benefit from the on-flow potential of Sydney GDP if the lifestyle and attractiveness of the region is lost?



NSW Farmers provides the following for consideration under the Drought Communities Funding.

- **Water access** – is critical for both agriculture and community resilience. Any water infrastructure takes time and should be prioritised for early action. Consideration could be given to:

Water pricing and deliveries.

- Existing demand for water is placing undue stress on landholders. Contractors have advised purchasers that Lithgow water is dirty and in general will not use this supply for potable use.
- Water carters can generally achieve 5-6 loads per day with a 1 week wait for delivery. Farmers and rural residents must ration water to carry them through delivery waiting periods.
- In addition to this is the average cost incurred of \$260/hr for delivery plus time charged for discharging water into tanks.
- Water prices are charged at higher rates using the Browntown standpipe (BMCC) than charged by Sydney Water.

Recommendation: Greater distances of water cartage to rural landholders and communities comes at a significant cost. Subsidising freight costs for eligible households is a step to assisting those dependent on income from farming to have a water supply.

Infrastructure improvements at standpipes:

- Standpipes have a low-medium delivery rate for filling water trucks increasing both cost and wait times.
- Jurisdictions outside the Lithgow LGA enable credit card access to standpipe water. This initiative is open to residents as well.

Recommendation: NSW Farmers supports infrastructure improvements that can ensure that supply time, costs and difficulty of access are reduced.

Value add to the engineering significance of the Fish River Water Supply:

- The Fish River Water Supply originated as a result of the chronic water supply problems of the towns of Lithgow, Wallerawang, Portland and Oberon from as early as 1937, which were exacerbated by the 1940-43 drought. A pump at Lake Lyell (authorised by Delta Electricity) to pump water to Rydal, with a valve at the Rydal relief tank would ease the strain on the Fish River Water Supply and ensure greater water transferability for Lithgow.

Recommendation: We know water crosses council boundaries, as do the effects of drought. Additional engineering of the Fish River Water Supply will act as an emergency reserve, increase Lithgow's capacity to act in an emergency and provide much needed value to the community and drought or fire events it will serve. The pipeline follows much of the Rydal Road and doesn't transverse private property and the branch is of the understanding that there are additional pumps and relief valves that could see a similar benefit from this infrastructure. The branch is eager to discuss further thoughts on the Fish River Water supply with Lithgow Council.

Increasing access to standpipes:

- There is uncertainty of what standpipes can be accessed across the region (both in knowledge of their location and physical access due to padlocks).

Recommendation: Council publish information of standpipes that can be used by landholders and review access rights including applications for keys or a sign in, sign out register.

And, Council review standpipe locations and investigate the possibility of re-establishing any disused standpipes in outlying areas. For the recent vandalism and concerns of future vandalism, strategic positioning of standpipes to be overseen by homesteads or stewardship by locals could be used in the regions a standpipe serves.

- **Improvements in water management and planning**

Emergency Water Supply – it is critical to underpin forward planning and consideration for scenario planning following recent events:

- On Monday 23 December residents were notified that due to increased demand and a water main break on the main supply residents of the Lithgow area experienced a loss of water or low pressure during heightened demand on the system due to the firefighting efforts. Overnight, the main supply to the reservoirs burst which has resulted in large loss of water requiring repair and drawing water from Fish River Water Supply to maintain supplies.

- Due to the threat of local bushfires the J M Robson Aquatic Centre was closed.

Recommendation: That Lithgow Council investigate emergency water planning such as the use of temporarily idle water in the J M Robson Aquatic Centre for firefighting efforts. See City of Sydney Pool water to regional communities.

Drainage Schemes:

- Melbourne Water provides drainage schemes for specific catchment areas. They are a guide for flood protection, water quality and waterway health.

Recommendation: Lithgow Council investigate with Water NSW drainage schemes / divide maps for local catchment areas. This will assist residents to understand water management and planning decisions and if improvements in infrastructure and rainwater collection are required.

- **Social, Economic and Environmental Resilience** – communities can only remain viable if there is economic activity in around the community and there is cash circulating across businesses. Development of the following would aid resilience by:

- Supporting those with no water or dirty water in their domestic ability (washing clothes) through vouchers for local laundry or making amenities available for rural ratepayers to access.
- Conducting workshops and programs with Local Land Services including dam construction, water security, and how to set-up.
- Reducing evaporation and seepage from open channels – pipeline construction and/or channel covers.
- Extending funding to on-farm water capture – enabling water access for wildlife and environment.
- Enhancing Lithgow’s productive output with greater water efficient fixture and fittings.

Council's leading the way

NSW Farmers endorses the following initiatives by Local Governments supporting their communities.

Locality	Project	Description
Bingara / Warialda Gwydir Shire Council	Water	Gwydir Shire Council currently covers the cost of two of its Council tankers to deliver potable water to farmers in Warialda and Bingara. Farmers register with Council's reception and join a waiting list. Tankers are able to make 6 deliveries per day. The Council's Sister City Willoughby City Council – purchased a plastic portable tank earlier in the year and donated this to Gwydir Shire to support this project.
Woolgoolga Dam Coffs Harbour City Council	Water	Untreated water from a Woolgoolga Dam that was due to be decommissioned at a cost of \$200,000 to Council is instead being sold to local agricultural producers in an initiative that will help safeguard local jobs, local wildlife and a lake environment. https://www.news.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/2019/12/11/decommissi-oned-dam-helping-growers-the-environment-and-cost-savings/
Tamworth	Water	Drought relief cards provide landholders access to a free weekly allocation of 3000 litres of town water from the council's bulk water filling stations. Pool water to regional communities. https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-12-12/sydney-pool-water-to-be-sent-to-armidale/11788726
City of Sydney	Water	Installation of Polymaster Vortex Filters in water tanks removing 95% of sediment and debris and aerating the water. Aerated water keeps the walls of the tank healthy, reducing the chance of any harmful bacteria growing. Atlantis Rainwater Harvesting Re-use System, which works by capturing water from both landscaped areas through surface infiltration and from roof areas which is filtered and available for domestic use.
Orange	Water	Stormwater harvesting scheme, which will eventually see about 1700 megalitres a year harvested through the scheme. https://www.orange.nsw.gov.au/water/stormwater/

The Drought Communities Funding provides an opportunity to clarify the challenges (real and perceived) to identify impediments to water access; impacts of the price and availability of water for rural residents and the communities dependent on agricultural output within the Lithgow LGA.

The Hartley Branch appreciates the efforts and resources from Lithgow Council for those impacted by recent fires, including water refilling points, water cartage and evacuation centers. Water also remains a significant challenge for those returning to their properties with water tanks and supply lost in the fires.

Previously discussed suggestions of fencing of rural tips to prevent feral animals from entering could be eligible for funding under the Pest Animal and Weed Management Program and eligible road projects under the Roads to Recovery Program.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2020 10:21 PM
To: Lithgow City Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Submission on Spend of next \$1m tranche of drought relief funding

My wife [REDACTED] and I would like to propose the following thoughts for consideration in planning for the send of the second tranche of the drought relief funding

Water is becoming a critical issue for drought affected farmers. Water both for home use and for stock; in some instances the latter need has been exacerbated by RFS use of stock water for firefighting. The direct provision of free water to tank water dependant rural households would provide an immediate and direct benefit to drought affected farmers whilst at the same time stimulating employment in and the turnover of local water carting businesses.

Weeds are the bane of all farmers' lives. There has long been a concern across the rural community regarding the level of noxious weeds building up along road corridors in the region that are progressively seeding into front paddocks. The current situation is largely occurring due to the inadequacy of the existing contribution that Council pays to the relevant weed management authority. At least \$200,000 should be allocated to this project. It is appreciated that in their current state, some weeds may not be suitable for spraying, but there is no reason why the program cannot be negotiated ready for immediate rollout once we get rain. Equally the nature of the spray used for African Love Grass, one of the major offending grasses, is such that it can be sprayed at anytime as it is retained in and acts from the soil after rain.

Any significant infrastructure program in the region would qualify under this a program. Any such infrastructure spend should be subject to a quota (say 60%) being set for the employment of people who would normally be employed in agriculture or who are dependent on an agricultural enterprise for their income. Publicly promoting this quota and applying it with a delicate touch, should both directly benefit rural communities and the economies they support.

Mental Health support is a critical issue. Funds should be allocated to fund an outreach effort to promote the existence of and put an outreach worker into the community to help find and offer support to those affected by drought and who are in need of help.

Tourism has an important role to play in our future economy. Now would be an ideal time to retain a suitably skilled local person to do a comprehensive review of the tourism brochures available through our local LCCVIC and then to sit down and develop the missing brochures eg short tours, gun emplacement, unique Lithgow architecture to name just a few that come to mind.(I know a retire academic in Lithgow who might do a sterling job on such a project)

What has been done to date on regenerative farming has been very superficial. Great future value could be provided to the rural community by funding through Local Land Services a serious regenerative farming conference such as the one mounted by Greening Bathurst last year that featured six or eight acclaimed speakers. It has to be seen as a significant and valuable event, one that might normally be priced at \$500-1000 for the day, and promoted as a Land Services orchestrated event to be funded directly by Council out of Drought Relief funding.

Social events such as that mounted in Hartley last year do little to help drought affected communities and when they draw on outside the region service and food providers they do nothing to help the local economy.

Apologies for our late submission. The distraction of drought, fires and preparation for fires has been overwhelming the last few weeks.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2019 6:19 AM
To: Lithgow City Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Drought communities funding suggestions

I wish to submit a suggestion for consideration in preparing submissions for the next round of funding.

Many proposals focus on large type single initiatives that do not reach a number of households that are under stress due to lack of water for domestic use. This often reflects the low and minimal storage capacity of tanks on individual homes.

For an immediate and enduring effect householders should be encouraged to increase storages and access delivered water to get them through drought conditions. In addition to the utility of additional usable water for personal needs the need for accessible water for fire fighting is a consideration.

I suggest that a grant programme be established that subsidises landholders to purchase a water tank and charge it with water. The criteria for qualification to access the scheme would need to be framed on need and take account of how much beneficial rain the property gets as much as current storage capacity. The subsidised tank would be of one size for all.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2019 8:33 AM
To: Lithgow City Council
Subject: Drought Communities Grant Funding Projects

One of the big issues happening in the rural areas of Lithgow Council is Farms running out of stock water as well as house hold drinking water. There will need to be a substantial rain event for this issue to go away. Can the council allow farmers access to local stand pipes to obtain water. At the moment drinking water is costing \$300-\$400 per load of 10000-12000 litres which lasts around 3-5 weeks, this is a yearly total of about \$4500 pa, could you imagine the cost if farmers have to start watering livestock, cattle drink 70 litres of water per day in warmer temperates. Is it possible to use some of the grant money to reimburse Lithgow council for allowing farmers to access this water. Finding away to transport water will be another issue, but at this stage access to town water stand pipes would be a good start.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: Sharron Bowman <sharron.bowmanentertainment@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 December 2019 10:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LCC - Drought Relief Entertainment Submission Proposal - 2020

Hi Ali,

Here are a few possible proposals for the Lithgow 2020 Drought Relief grant.

1.) Option 1 - COUNTRY MUSIC Festival - at the Blast Furnace -

Something very similar to the recent November 16th Blast furnace music day event, except with the Country music genre.

As you know I book a lot of these artists & have a wide access to all sorts of entertainment & understand correct pricing etc. I'm passionate about the community & I'm local & would love the opportunity to put together an event for our Lithgow people.

In regards to the country's genre, one of the differences between country music & other music genres is that they all have incredibly loyal fans & most of these artists are really hands on with their fan base & very pro active in advertising marketing etc. Country music fans travel to see their artists, so having an event like this would definitely bring out of town people as well as our local community, if advertised widely. I have access to most Australian artists. There isn't really any big Country music festivals in NSW either (Except Tamworth) anymore & there is a gap in this area waiting to explode. Depending on artist availability & pricing we could look at booking artists such as -

- . John Williamson
- . Adam Harvey
- . Beccy Cole
- . Troy Cassar Daly
- . Amber Lawrence
- . The McClymonts
- . Amber Lawrence
- . Gina Jeffries
- . Drew McAlister
- . Christie Lamb
- . Kacey Chambers & so many more

In regards to putting on a Country music day, this genre is family friendly & suited for all ages. Country music artists all love doing meet & greets, so we could run comps for this to raise more money towards drought relief & get the community involved. These type of artists are also involved in country towns & love being involved in events towards raising

money to help farmers & drought relief etc. Artists are always happy to do telephone radio interviews etc to promote. There are so many positive ways to build an event like this & would be well worth having a meeting to discuss further all possibilities. I'd also like to get Ray Hadley from 2GB involved, as I am connected with this radio station & Ray loves & supports country music, along with Country towns. Bringing Ray on board would more than likely have artists banging down our door to perform in Lithgow. And this would lift this event majorly & bring awesome positive light to our community. There's also Grant Denyer & The Big Marn "Darryl Brohman", as I book these guys for other footy show type events. We could possibly call this event similar to the event I organised last year raising funds for Drought relief at Wallerawang Bowling club, called "Concert on the Green" - but this one we could possibly name "Country Concert on the Green

2.) Option 2 - BLAST FROM THE PAST Music Festival - Aussie Major Artists -

Another event I believe that would really work well in Lithgow is a day on the green with Artists such as -

- . The Black Sorrows
 - . Ian Moss
 - . Wendy Mathews
 - . Choirboys
 - . Radiators
 - . Chantoozies
 - . 1927
 - . Glenn Shorrock
 - . Darryl Braithwaite
 - . Brian Cadd
 - . Jon Stevens Noiseworks
 - . Mark Seymour
 - . Hunters & Collectors
 - . Baby Animals
 - . Killing Heidi
 - . Boom Crash Opera
 - . The Angels
 - . JAMES Reyne
- OR
- . Sneaky Sound System
 - . Potbelleez
 - . Powder Finger
 - . Thirsty Merc

3.) Option 3 - TRIBUTE BANDS - A Day on the Green - FLASHBACK/REWIND -

This option I also believe would be incredibly successful, as so many people respond to Tribute bands & attend ticketed shows. 2 things that come to mind for an event like this are - Reduce costs & people can't always get to see their favourite bands, being either the artist is an overseas act or they aren't around anymore & there are some incredibly good professional tribute bands around now. Some of these type of shows I book always sell out & are incredibly successful. This type of event this hasn't been done before & would be very cost effective etc.

Artists such as -

Totally 80's Tribute

- . AC/DC
- . Fleetwood Mac
- . Aussie Crawl/ JAMES Reyne
- . Chisel Barnes Tribute
- . Dragon
- . Bob Dylan
- . Bon Jovi (Oberon rsl in feb)
- . Guns & Roses
- . The Pink show
- . Lady Gaga & Katy Perry show
- . Angels
- . Divynals
- . Iron maiden
- . Foo fights
- . 90's bandcamp
- . FABBA ABBA
- . Elton jack show
- . Rod Stewart
- . Queen (absolutely amazing show, like the real thing)
- . Beatles
- . INXS
- . Californication - Red hot chilli peppers show
- . Elvis
- . Everly bro's
- . Blues bro's
- . Tom Jones
- . Bruce Springsteen
- . Kylie Minogue
- . Bryan Adams
- . John Farnham
- . Tina turner
- . Led zepelin
- . Tom Jones
- . Bee gees
- . Rolling Stones
- . 70's disco shows
- . Police

- . Creedence Clearwater
- . Jimmy Hendrix
- . Coldplay
- . The Doors

Ali, I have so many options ideas & im super keen to be more involved in putting on music & Entertainment events in & around Lithgow. As you know I already book 3 quarters of entertainment in the area & I'm completely hands on with all of this, so I have an real understanding of what works & what people like in the Central West of NSW.

Let's smash something awesome out like never before for Lithgow Town!

Look forward to hearing from you.
Sharron

Thankyou & Kind Regards,
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DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME – EXTENSION

Tarana Valley Community Group Expression of Interest

The Tarana Valley Community Group (TVCG) would like to recommend two projects for funding by the Drought Communities Programme - Extension.

- 1) Restoration of Tarana Recreation Reserve**
- 2) Tarana Community Farmers Markets Site Landscaping**

Both projects are located in the village of Tarana within the Lithgow Council area. The village is surrounded by agricultural land that is now severely impacted by the effects of prolonged drought.

These projects -

- will benefit from the expenditure of more than \$25,000 each
- are ready to start immediately and can be completed by December 2020
- will create infrastructure of lasting benefit to the local community
- can use resources, businesses and suppliers to stimulate local spending and employment

TVCG was formed over a year ago and now has about 80 members. We are an incorporated not for profit community group with an ABN and \$20M of liability and volunteer insurance.

We have held workshops and community meetings and conducted surveys to define the priorities of the people of the Tarana area and to develop a village plan. Nigel Bell, of Eco Design in Katoomba, has assisted with this on a pro bono basis. Both the above projects have broad community support and were ranked as high priority goals.

Our group would like to work collaboratively with LCC to plan, manage and implement these projects. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these proposals in person with your grants, planning and works staff. Costing indicated are best estimates only – we have not had time to get quotes.

Restoration of Tarana Recreation Reserve

TVCG has developed a plan for the phased restoration of the reserve and now has funding of \$22,600 from the Stroger Communities Program and the Communities Environment Program. This will allow us to create a central playing field and cricket pitch surrounded by parkland, a walking/cycling track, native plant regeneration and a small wetland.

Further funding would give us the opportunity to -

- Create an entrance bay off Tarana Rd with a sealed apron and driveway, post and rail fencing with a central gateway and signage (approx. \$30,000)
- Install 2 composting toilets e.g. Kazuba STK (approx. \$20,000)
- Connect to town water supply (approx. \$5,000)
- Build a picnic table, shelter and BBQ (approx. \$20,000)
- 60,000L water storage tank (approx. \$10,000)

Farmers Markets Site Landscaping

The vibrant Tarana Community Farmers Markets are held monthly on the grounds adjacent to the Tarana RFS base – land owned by LCC. These are a major drawcard for visitors to the village and a meeting place for the local farming community. To many people, the market site is the ‘gateway’ to the village. It is the only available open public space in the village centre and has the potential to fill the role of a ‘town square’ for other outdoor community gatherings.

There is an opportunity to enhance the streetscape along Sodwalls and Diamond Swamp Roads and to landscape the southern apex of this site with -

- Terracing, retaining banks, fixed seating and picnic table (approx. \$20,000)
- Planting 3 large advanced deciduous trees (approx. \$5,000)
- Native plantings, landscaping, mulching and traffic exclusion protection along Diamond Swamp and Sodwalls roads (approx. \$15,000)
- Signage and community notice board (approx. \$2,500)
- Footpath along the northern side of Mutton Falls Rd linking the RFS site to the Tarana Pub and Café (approx. \$5,000)
- 80,000L rainwater tank at fire shed (approx. \$12,000)

We look forward to hearing your response to these proposals.

Tarana Valley Community Group – contact Greg Dargan (treasurer) 0428 402 431,
info@taranavalleycommunitygroup.org

Portland Town Signage Proposal

The Portland Business Association INC would like to propose funding for street and CBD wayfinding signage be considered in this latest round of Drought Funding allocation.

The town of Portland is fast becoming a tourist attraction in the region and we are seeing an increase in visitors visiting the town to view the silo artworks at the Foundations, the signs of yesteryear around the town and other icons such as the Bottle Kilns.

On our latest Wallnuts weekend, the Portland Business Association INC commissioned some cheap corflute signage to provide some basic wayfinding around town including a town map placed at Mick Moore Park and one at the entry to the Foundations, some directional signage To the laneways where people can view mural artworks and other town points of interest such as the Glen Museum and Bottle Kilns.

This basic signage was of great use to the visitors to our town and has continued to be of benefit since making it easy for people to find their ways to the main points of interest, spend longer in Portland and in turn grow the local economy as they longer they stay, the more likely they are to spend money in town.

The association is seeking to have brown Tourist signage application in the near future to appropriate authorities, however one step we need to complete beforehand is the provision of wayfinding signage for tourist walks and precinct hi-lights.

We would like for signs to be completed by the Wallnuts in keeping with the look and feel already established within the town and have developed a map of where we believe signs should be and some ideas around look and feel. See attached documents.

If Council believes this application is in keeping with the intention of the grant funding, we would like to apply for \$15,000 for the creation and installation of signs in Portland to take one step closer to being able to complete our Historic Precinct application for Tourism signage.

This funding would allow us to signpost several tourist walks within town and local landmarks as well as Information signage, Toilets Signage and Parking Signage within the CBD.



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- Directions to shops, parking and toilets
- Clearly marked information and emergency services

Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association Inc.

ABN 34 118 896 308

4th December, 2019

The General Manager
Lithgow City Council
Mort Street
LITHGOW. NSW. 2790

Dear Mr Faulkner

Re: Submissions for Drought Relief Grant Funds

Our Committee would also like to propose the Lidsdale Tennis Complex for repairs and painting which is long overdue as the Clubhouse is looking very shabby and forgotten.

We would also like consideration to be given to having power extended to the Wallerawang Baseball Shed at Lake Wallace. This would help with being able to have canteen facilities for refreshments during the baseball season and also for use for the annual Pyrotechnical Event on New Year's Eve.

Look forward to being considered.

Regards
Roslyn Francis
Secretary/Treasurer

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4th December, 2019

The General Manager
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Dear Mr Faulkner

Re: Drought Relief Grant Fund Suggestions

Our Committee has discussed the following ideas for submission for Drought Relief Grant Funds:

Our recently opened Skate Park needs a toilet block as it is a very high use area for kids and adults now.

A footpath is needed from the Police Station to the Pedestrian Refuge in Barton Avenue/ Tweedie Street to make access to the pedestrian refuge easier.

A footpath is needed from the Wallerawang Public School to Forest Ridge Drive for the many walkers who use this track on a daily basis for fitness purposes, as it has some constrictions where the armco railing is, that makes it dangerous when traffic is coming both ways. This path has been requested nearly every year for about 10 years.

A footpath is needed in James Parade for the many people who use it to walk to school, to preschool, to catch the bus and just going for a walk. Each side of the street has problems for walking on so everyone just walks on the road.

A new fence at the Piper's Flat Cemetery as the old one has pieces missing and looks terrible.

Regards
Roslyn Francis
Secretary/Treasurer

From: [wallerawanglidsdaleprogress](#)

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Community Drought Relief Grant

Date: Thursday, 9 January 2020 1:53:53 PM

Hi Deborah,

I have just been sent another suggestion for the grant funds from a keen fisherman for an aeration system at Lake Wallace.

The aeration system will prevent algae growth and minimise smells from stagnant water by destratifying the water layers.

As we know there is limited water going into Lake Wallace now so this problem will be exacerbated.

Regards

Rod Francis

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

DRAFT PROPOSAL TO CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

Drought Relief for Farmers Weed Action Project.

The *Drought Relief for Farmers Weed Action Project* is about doing a lot more weed control on local council managed roadsides than currently. The idea is simply that a further reduction in the roadside weed population now will translate into reduced weed invasion risk to the benefit of farmers of productive agricultural land post-drought. The project would target roadsides or parts of roadsides that have not yet been treated under the established annual program and are not likely to be included in future under current resource levels.

The project is designed to recognise that treating weeds in drought-affected areas – before and during drought when and where possible – provides indirect assistance to all farmers when the drought breaks. The benefit arises because weeds typically take advantage of drought conditions in ways that helps them survive the drought, recover more quickly post-drought, and then outgrow desirable pasture and other plant species. Hence a reduction in the total presence of weeds before the drought breaks can have a positive impact on reducing re-invasion potential.

It is a well-known fact that drought conditions impact heavily on primary production and an unfortunate side effect of a drought breaking is an increase in the presence of new and existing weeds on a property. We all know that weeds provide an additional financial burden in both lost production and cost of control after a long period of low farm productivity – particularly given drought conditions usually result in serious setbacks for long-term planning and for controlling pastoral weeds.

This project will allow local councils to show they are serious about assisting farmers tackle weed problems on their land – that in some cases the weed problems are arguably exaggerated by weeds spreading from councils roadsides where weeds are not so well controlled. By tackling more of the weeds growing on more of a local councils roadsides – the roadside weed impact on drought recovery on farming land will be enhanced.

Upper Macquarie County Council would facilitate a coordinated special regional weed control effort, on behalf of all four constituent councils (Bathurst, Lithgow, Blayney, Oberon), with EACH constituent council would contribute (say) between \$50K and \$100K of their new \$1M Drought Funding Grant to the project. The work in each council area would reflect the funding contribution, with procurement of contractor services and materials being sourced as locally as possible.

Why Tackle Roadside Weeds.

Doing something substantial about weed control can make an important contribution to regional weed biosecurity, local business sustainability, and enhancing the recovery capacity of drought affected rural communities.

The communities of all local councils in the county area face the same predicament – that is an exponentially growing weed biosecurity risk facilitated by the local environmental affects of drought combined with a weeds special ability to adapt rather than be destroyed in such conditions.

Weeds thrive after drought because:

- ✓ Drought can devastate existing vegetation, removing all competition for light, nutrients, moisture and space and affording quick establishment of weeds when conditions become favourable;
- ✓ Weeds will germinate from the seed bank immediately after rain occurs;
- ✓ Drought also causes mineralisation of nitrogen in the soil, and newly germinated weeds take advantage of these nutrients;

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- ✓ After a drought, weeds that are already on a property may spread to new areas, and weed densities can increase; and
- ✓ New weeds may have been introduced – since drought often results in the importation of fodder and grain, and this can bring new weeds onto a property.

In so far as weeds can be treated during drought-impacted times, a substantial reduction in weed re-invasion source stock – both through reducing the extent of weed invaded areas, and lowering weed density within areas – will translate into a lesser overall weed biosecurity risk.

Weed Control Tactics.

The weed control activity under the project will involve the use of contractors and casual staff, applying appropriate herbicides, to treat weeds on target roadsides.

In addition to targeting roadsides in areas where environmental conditions are still suitable for routine treatment, full advantage will be taken of roadsides within areas that have had adhoc rain events (including isolated thunderstorms) occur and weeds have either been re-invigorated or seed has germinated.

More generally the roadside targets under the project will typically be selected based on all or many of the following characteristics:

- ✓ The 'worst' weed species being Serrated Tussock, Blackberry St John's Wort, and Nodding Thistle – all of which are weed species that are known to make a remarkable recovery and spread quickly.
- ✓ The roadsides that run through areas that (outside drought times) are normally productive farmland.
- ✓ The roadsides that are identified as higher-risk weed invasion pathways.
- ✓ The roadsides where target weeds have the emerging potential to set seed.

Project Outcomes.

The *Drought Relief for Farmers Weed Action Project* is envisaged to include elements of environmental infrastructure upgrades (making roadsides more bio-secure), buy local initiatives (using local contractors and local material suppliers), delivering a project that helps sustain local jobs (additional work for contractors when on-farm work is disappearing), support local businesses (buying from local suppliers and reducing the weed cost burden on individual farmers), and build community wellbeing (a fresh sense of hope emerging through help from those that can).

Further, the project can be expected to include the following positive impacts:

- ✓ Farmers with pre-drought 'weed free' properties will have less new invasion from roadsides post-drought and hence not accrue the same level of weed control burden they otherwise would have.
- ✓ Farmers with pre-drought 'weed contaminated' properties can then be brought into the normal compliance process without the excuse that the weed infested roadsides were the cause of their weed problem. This will facilitate good farmers having further reduced long-term weed invasion risks and associated further reduced weed control burden.
- ✓ Farmers will find it easier to detect new weed incursions that might have arrived through fodder transport, and will benefit from the efficiency of treating lower density weed regrowth.
- ✓ Local Control Authority will find it easier to detect and prevent the spread of new weed incursions
- ✓ Local businesses supplying herbicides will be supported during a time that many farmers are unable to afford weed control materials.
- ✓ Local contractors will have their small businesses supported with extra work during a drought-induced downturn in on-farm work demand.

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11th December 2019

**Drought Communities Program
Lithgow City Council
Mort Street
Lithgow 2790**

To whom it may concern,

The Lithgow District Car Club Inc. would like to register an interest in the Drought Communities Programme.

If possible, to drought proof our assets, we would like to purchase and install a 14,500 litre plastic water tank and transfer pump to harvest rain water from the roofs of our buildings at our Yvonne Martyn Motorsport Park on the Boulder Road at Portland.

The harvested water would then be pumped up to a 1,000 litre header tank which supplies our toilet cisterns and hand washing basin taps. Excess water would be pumped into our water truck and fire fighting trailer.

As per the quote a 14,500 litre tank is \$1,989 and an 8 hp transfer pump is just under \$300 a total of \$2,289.00.

Thank you for assessing our grant interest.

**Yours Faithfully,
Les Taylor
Secretary/Treasurer
Lithgow District Car Club Inc.
Mob 0417650586**