



## MEDIA RELEASE

# Funding for Walcha, Woolomin, Deepwater communities

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The Federal Liberal and Nationals Government support for regional communities continues to roll out, with \$1.4 million in grants announced by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) under its Tackling Tough Times Together initiative.

Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the Government was pleased to support the vital work of the Foundation, which plays a major role in helping regional communities cope with emergencies and natural disasters.

“This assistance through the Tackling Tough Times Together program enables community groups in drought-affected regional communities to help build social cohesion, address disadvantage, support economic renewal and increase social and educational participation,” Mr Joyce said.

In the New England electorate, projects funded under this latest round of grants include:

- \$13,725 - Deepwater & Districts Community Radio Inc for 2CBD Outside Broadcasting to improve social connection and community information sharing by purchase of technology to enable 2CBD, the local community radio station in Glen Innes, to reliably broadcast live from events in the local community.
- \$20,000 - Quota International of Walcha Inc for its project ‘Walcha Sound Sights’ which will reduce social isolation and facilitate strong social cohesion and connection by supporting the collection of local indigenous, farming and other historically relevant stories to be captured in the Soundtrails application.
- \$44,000 - Tamworth Regional Council for its project: Woolomin Playground which will reduce social isolation for children and young people of the Woolomin village through the installation of a playground at the local recreation reserve.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Government was providing a total of \$15 million to the Tackling Tough Times Together program.

“This vital initiative provides small grants to community and not-for-profit groups in drought-affected regions,” Mr McCormack said.

Minister for Drought David Littleproud said the Government is backing drought-affected communities

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by providing \$6.3 billion in drought assistance and concessional loans to support those experiencing hardship.

“The FRRR’s rolling program of grants helps to improve community facilities and events that bring people together during tough times,” Minister Littleproud said.

Other projects in the New England funded in the New England include the Barraba Public Art Silo Project, the "Working in Groups" workshop at Cassilis, drought relief entertainment at Ben Lomond, the 2019 North West Rural Leadership Program at Tamworth and drought recovery workshops hosted by GLENRAC in Glen Innes.

For more information about the grants visit: <https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/TTTT>

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