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Building stronger regional communities in New England

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New investment from the Federal Government is hitting the ground in communities across the region, as part of a \$150,000 funding package for towns in the New England Electorate.

Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said six new projects in the electorate worth \$51,742 have been approved so far under Round 5 of the Australian Government's Stronger Communities Programme (SCP).

Recent grant approvals include:

- Barraba Art and Craft Guild: \$14,500 - Structural repairs to hall.
- Deepwater Tennis Club: \$7,987 - Upgrade of kitchen facilities.
- Aberdeen Pre School: \$8,394 - Resurface pre-school bike track.
- Tenterfield Showground Land Manager: \$9,900 – Repair and rebuild stable block.
- Tamworth Regional Craft Centre: \$4,041 – Build two disabled carpark spaces, paved path and lighting to amenities facilities.
- Tenterfield and District Community FM Radio Association: \$6,920 – Preparation and installation of upgraded aerials and masts.

“This investment in vital local infrastructure will not only provide an added economic boost for our towns in drought - drawing on local labour and local suppliers in many instances - these projects will also help build the facilities our towns need and create vibrant, viable communities for the future,” Mr Joyce said.

Under the \$22.65 million Round 5 of the SCP, each electorate has received \$150,000 to allocate towards successful projects, with a maximum of 20 projects to be funded per electorate. Grants values range from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

Funding of up to \$90.0 million was available under the previous four rounds of the SCP in the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-18, and 2018-19 financial years.

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