

## **Drought Communities Programme – Community Survey: Results**

### **Background and Introduction**

The following background and introduction was provided to respondents at the commencement of the Drought Communities Programme Community Survey.

The Drought Communities Programme (DCP) supports communities in the most drought-affected regions of Australia. The extension of the Drought Communities Programme will provide funding of \$75 million in 2018-19 to Eligible Councils to deliver benefits to targeted drought-affected regions of Australia. The program will support local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects for communities impacted by drought.

Each Eligible Council can receive funding for projects up to \$1 million. The grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs (grant percentage). The minimum grant amount per application is \$25,000. Councils can submit as many projects as they wish for funding of up to \$1 million. While Council can submit as many projects as they like, Council's are encouraged to bundle together several projects and / activities into one or two funding applications, where possible.

Eligible Councils are able to select activities that provide the greatest support to their communities, including infrastructure and other activities. Projects must be in addition to the normal planned activities of the council.

Funding will target infrastructure and other drought-relief projects that:

- provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought
- stimulate local community spending
- use local resources, businesses and suppliers
- provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend

Projects must be completed by 30 June 2019.

Eligible activities must directly relate to the programme and can include:

- repairs, maintenance, upgrading or building new community facilities;
- repairs, maintenance, upgrades, construction and fit-out of community spaces;
- employing local contractors to undertake repairs and maintenance;
- holding events; and
- undertake drought relief activities (including water carting for human consumption).

This Community Survey has been developed with ideas provided by members of local communities at Community Forums held in Dunedoo and Coonabarabran and ideas provided directly to Council. Feedback received through this Community Survey will be used by Council to determine what projects and activities to apply for funding for under the Drought Communities Programme.

The Drought Communities Programme - Community Survey will be open from Wednesday, 24 October 2018 - Friday, 2 November 2018. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

## Results

95 respondents completed the Drought Communities Programme Community Survey. All respondents completed the survey in full.

### 1. Do you reside in Warrumbungle Shire?

Response	Number	%
Yes	95	100.00
No	0	0.00

### 2. If Yes, what town, village or locality do you reside in?

Town, village or locality	Number	%
Baradine	8	8.42
Binnaway	1	1.05
Bugalide	3	3.16
Coolah	14	15.79
Coonabarabran	48	50.53
Dunedoo	7	7.37
Hannah's Bridge	1	1.05
Leadville	1	1.05
Mendooran	4	4.21
Purlewaugh	2	2.11
Rocky Glen	1	1.05
Uarbry	1	1.05
Ulamambri	1	1.05
Weetaliba	1	1.05
Yearinan	1	1.05

### 3. Are you a primary producer or business owner?

Response	Number	%
Primary Producer	37	38.95
Business Owner	20	21.05
Neither	38	40.00

### 4. Did you attend a Drought Communities Programme Community Forum?

Response	Number	%
Yes	30	31.58
No	65	68.42

### 5. If Yes, what Drought Communities Programme Community Forum did you attend?

Response	Number	%
Coonabarabran	17	17.89
Dunedoo	13	13.68
Neither	65	68.42

6. Did you make a submission to Council directly in relation to the Drought Communities Programme?

Response	Number	%
Yes	18	18.95%
No	77	81.05%

7. Projects and activities suggested at the Community Forums and in submissions made directly to Council have been themed in to six (6) broad categories. Please rate the following categories from most important to least important, when considering what type of projects and activities should be funded, with one (1) being most important.

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	Ranking / Score
	% / No.	% / No.	% / No.	% / No.	% / No.	% / No.	
Community Events	10.53 / 10	8.42 / 8	21.05 / 20	23.16 / 22	29.47 / 28	7.37 / 7	5 / 3.25
Community Infrastructure	36.84 / 35	29.47 / 28	12.63 / 12	10.53 / 10	5.26 / 5	5.26 / 5	1 / 4.66
Economic Development	15.79 / 15	31.58 / 30	20.00 / 19	17.89 / 17	11.58 / 11	3.16 / 3	2 / 4.13
Environment	13.68 / 13	14.74 / 14	14.74 / 14	20.00 / 19	29.47 / 28	7.37 / 7	4 / 3.41
Other	15.79 / 15	12.63 / 12	28.42 / 27	23.16 / 22	16.84 / 16	3.16 / 3	3 / 3.78
Tourism	7.37 / 7	3.16 / 3	3.16 / 3	5.26 / 5	7.37 / 7	73.68 / 70	6 / 1.77

8. Council can apply for funding of up to \$1 million. Using the categories from the Community Forums and other feedback please place amounts against each category, to total \$1 million.

Category	Average Number	Total Number	Responses	Ranking
Community Events	115,515	8,432,619	73	6
Community Infrastructure	375,733	33,064,534	88	1
Economic Development	223,051	18,067,142	81	2
Environment	165,203	12,390,238	75	5
Other	183,770	14,517,857	79	3
Tourism	167,208	8,527,610	51	4

9. Do you think Council should apply for funding for a couple of large projects and / or activities, for example two (2) projects worth \$500,000 each, or apply for a number of smaller projects and / or activities?

Response	Number	%
Large projects and activities	47	49.47
Smaller projects and activities	48	50.53

10. Community Events – please select the top three (3) items from the following list that you would like to receive funding under the Drought Communities Programme.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Event – Retreat and Weekend Getaway	22	23.16
Event – Heritage Festival	28	29.47
Event – Major attraction for Agricultural Shows	50	52.63
Event – Free entry to Agricultural Shows	35	36.84
Event – Family Fun Day	22	23.16
Event – Drought Catch Up	27	28.42
Program – Family and Community Centre	42	44.21
Program – Seed Funding Program for local events	59	62.11

11. Community Infrastructure – please select the top seven (7) items from the following list that you would like to receive funding under the Drought Communities Programme.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Facility construction – outdoor cinema	24	25.26
Facility upgrades – aerodromes	28	29.47
Facility upgrades – campgrounds	28	29.47
Facility upgrades – community facilities	57	60.00
Facility upgrades – dams	44	46.32
Facility upgrades – showgrounds and recreation grounds	47	49.47
Facility upgrades – sporting clubs	25	26.32
Facility upgrades – sporting ovals and facilities	35	36.84
Facility upgrades – swimming pools	65	68.42
Facility upgrades – theatres and cultural infrastructure	18	18.95
Facility upgrades – town halls	21	22.11
Facility upgrades – town parks	51	53.68
Facility upgrades – villages halls	25	26.32
Infrastructure construction – arts and culture infrastructure	31	32.63
Infrastructure construction – stormwater harvesting	42	44.21
Infrastructure construction – tourism infrastructure including signage	48	50.53
Infrastructure construction – town signage	28	29.47
Infrastructure upgrades – town infrastructure including footpaths	48	50.53

12. Economic Development - please select the top three (3) items from the following list that you would like to receive funding under the Drought Communities Programme.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Infrastructure construction – towns map and local business signage	64	67.37
Program – encourage people to stop in towns in the Shire	77	81.05
Program – extend visitor stays in the Shire	64	67.37
Program – Why Leave Town and Shop Local campaign	36	37.89
Technology – local business app	44	46.32

13. Environment and Other – please select the top seven (7) items from the following list that you would like to receive funding from the Drought Communities Programme.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Product – publish local history book	20	21.05
Program – agriculture and water awareness education	41	43.16
Program – community co-operative to buy, sell and store grain	31	32.63
Program – employment of small contractors	66	69.7
Program – free entry to swimming pools	38	40.00
Program – installation of rainwater tanks	66	69.47
Program – mental health of older people	34	35.79
Program – reduction or reimbursement of rates	50	52.63
Program – river health including rehabilitation works	59	62.11
Program – tree planting	41	43.16
Program – weed removal	51	53.68
Service – free wireless network	39	41.05
Service – increase amount of rubbish to be taken to tips for free	41	43.16
Service – paediatric health services	45	47.37
Service – purchase of bus for aged care facility	20	21.05
Service – subsidised testing and treatment of water	23	24.21

14. Tourism – please select the top five (5) items from the following list that you would like to receive funding under the Drought Communities Programme.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Infrastructure construction – amphitheatre and outdoor cinema	37	38.95
Infrastructure construction – cycleways and walkways	67	70.53
Infrastructure construction – murals and mural walks	36	37.89
Infrastructure construction – tourism signage	56	58.95
Infrastructure upgrades – painting silos	31	32.63
Product – Dark Sky Park	51	53.68
Product – Tourism Website	54	56.84
Product – Visitors Guide	49	51.58
Program – Bird Watching Trails	36	37.89
Technology – tourism app	58	61.05

15. All – please select the top five (5) items from all categories that you would like to receive funding under the Drought Communities Programme.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Event – Drought Catch Up	1	1.05
Event – Family Fun Day	3	3.16
Event – Free entry to Agricultural Shows	14	14.74
Event – Heritage Festival	1	1.05
Event – Major attraction for Agricultural Shows	0	0.00
Event – Retreat and Weekend Getaway	2	2.11
Program – Family and Community Centre	2	2.11
Program – Seed Funding Program for local events	5	5.26
Facility construction – outdoor cinema	4	4.21
Facility upgrades – aerodromes	14	14.74
Facility upgrades – campgrounds	7	7.37
Facility upgrades – community facilities	3	3.16
Facility upgrades – dams	18	18.95
Facility upgrades – showgrounds and recreation grounds	18	18.95
Facility upgrades – sporting clubs	5	5.26
Facility upgrades – sporting ovals and facilities	11	11.58
Facility upgrades – swimming pools	24	25.26
Facility upgrades – theatres and cultural infrastructure	3	3.16

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Facility upgrades – town halls	6	6.32
Facility upgrades – town parks	11	11.58
Facility upgrades – villages halls	7	7.37
Infrastructure construction – arts and culture infrastructure	13	13.68
Infrastructure construction – stormwater harvesting	14	14.74
Infrastructure construction – tourism infrastructure including signage	10	10.53
Infrastructure construction – town signage	3	3.16
Infrastructure upgrades – town infrastructure including footpaths	9	9.47
Infrastructure construction – towns map and local business signage	12	12.63
Program – encourage people to stop in towns in the Shire	13	13.68
Program – extend visitor stays in the Shire	8	8.42
Program – Why Leave Town and Shop Local campaign	7	7.37
Technology – local business app	3	3.16
Product – publish local history book	4	4.21
Program – agriculture and water awareness education	4	4.21
Program – community co-operative to buy, sell and store grain	8	8.42
Program – employment of small contractors	13	13.68
Program – free entry to swimming pools	14	14.74
Program – installation of rainwater tanks	15	15.79
Program – mental health of older people	2	2.11
Program – reduction or reimbursement of rates	18	18.95
Program – river health including rehabilitation works	15	15.79
Program – tree planting	8	8.42
Program – weed removal	13	13.68
Service – free wireless network	13	13.68
Service – increase amount of rubbish to be taken to tips for free	4	4.21
Service – paediatric health services	7	7.37
Service – purchase of bus for aged care facility	2	2.11
Service – subsidised testing and treatment of water	3	3.16
Infrastructure construction – amphitheatre and outdoor cinema	8	8.42
Infrastructure construction –	19	20.00

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Infrastructure construction – murals and mural walks	5	5.26
Infrastructure construction – tourism signage	6	6.32
Infrastructure upgrades – painting silos	7	7.37
Product – Dark Sky Park	8	8.42
Product – Tourism Website	9	9.47
Product – Visitors Guide	1	1.05
Program – Bird Watching Trails	8	8.42
Technology – tourism app	10	10.53

Respondents were thanked for completing the Drought Communities Programme – Community Survey and were advised that responses from the Community Survey will be collated and presented to Council at the November meeting of Warrumbungle Shire Council. The November meeting of Warrumbungle Shire Council will be held on Thursday, 15 November 2018, from 5:00pm at the Council Chambers in Coonabarabran.