

Late Addendum

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

a22 [CNR-CM] Murwillumbah Community Centre Grant Funding

ORIGIN:

Director Community and Natural Resources

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has been successful in obtaining funding of \$1,500,000 (exclusive of GST) for the Murwillumbah Community Centre under the Community Infrastructure Grants Program.

This report recommends Council accepts and expends the funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Accepts the grant funds of \$1,500,000 (exclusive of GST) offered from the Community Infrastructure Grants Program for the Murwillumbah Community Centre.**
- 2. Votes the expenditure as part of the 2011/2012 budget.**
- 3. Executes the Funding Agreement under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

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A copy of the letter is reproduced below:

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THE HON SIMON CREAN MP

**Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government
Minister for the Arts**

Reference: B11/588

Mr Mike Rayner
General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
PO Box 816
MURWILLUMBAH NSW 2484

15 SEP 2011

Dear Mr Rayner

**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS PROGRAM – MURWILLUMBAH ONE STOP
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

I am pleased to advise you that I have approved funding of up to \$1,500,000 (GST exclusive) under the Community Infrastructure Grants Program to the Tweed Shire Council for the Murwillumbah One Stop Community Centre project. This funding approval delivers on a 2010 election commitment.

Provision of funding is dependent on the preparation and execution by both parties of a Funding Agreement that sets out the terms and conditions under which the funding is provided, and the settling of other details, including:

- approval of a Construction Certificate and the license to construct on Crown Land; and
- finalisation of the lease for Crown Land with the NSW Government.

You must enter a Funding Agreement within four weeks of the project being approved, otherwise, the offer of funding will be reviewed and may be withdrawn. You will shortly be contacted by an officer from my Department to discuss the Funding Agreement.

The funding amount is provided on the basis that it does not attract GST as the payment will be made by one government-related entity to another government-related entity. This circumstance is specifically covered by an appropriation under Australian law and falls within the terms of Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2006/11. You may wish to seek guidance from the Australian Taxation Office or your tax adviser on the impact of Community Infrastructure Grants Program funding on your organisation's taxation liabilities.

I have written to the Hon Justine Elliot MP, Member for Richmond, advising her about the Murwillumbah One Stop Community Centre project and have asked that she liaise with you about details of any public announcement of this funding. I ask that the funding approval be kept confidential until an announcement is agreed with Ms Elliot.

Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Telephone: 02 6277 7380 Facsimile: 02 6273 4117

Should you wish to conduct a project launch at the conclusion of the project or at another suitable time, please contact my Department on 1800 005 494 to arrange a suitable date. It would be appreciated if you could provide three possible dates and at least four weeks notice to my Department. This will allow time to make the appropriate arrangements for me or my representative to attend.

I wish you every success with the Murwillumbah One Stop Community Centre project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Simon Crean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SIMON CREAN

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Justine Elliot MP
Member for Richmond

The Hon Simon Crean MP
Minister for Regional Australia
Regional Development and Local Government
Minister for the Arts

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

19th September 2011

**JUSTINE ELLIOT DELIVERS \$1.5 MILLION FOR
MURWILLUMBAH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP and local Member Justine Elliot today announced the Australian Government had delivered on its commitment to provide up to \$1.5 million to the Tweed Shire Council for the Murwillumbah Community Centre project in Murwillumbah.

The project will construct a Community Centre that will provide office space for a number of community and family service programs, training rooms, activity rooms, and interview rooms for visiting clients as well as an indoor/outdoor secure play area. A youth centre will also be incorporate within the building.

Justine explained "Locals asked for better access to local community services before the last election and I'm pleased that the new Community Centre is moving one step closer to reality.

"The new Community Centre will provide improved access to affordable, accessible and safe facilities which will allow for extended programs and services for locals," said Justine.

The project is one of 85 projects funded through the Community Infrastructure Grants Program, which is part of the \$248 million regional community funding package committed to by the Gillard Labor Government in the 2010 election.

Funding will go towards enhancing local economies through a range of projects such as community centre redevelopments, major sports grounds, heritage sites, emergency services headquarters and local leisure centre developments.

The Australian Government is committed to providing long term improvements in productivity, liveability and sustainability for communities across Australia.

This project is an example of the Australian Government working together with local government and community groups to improve economic development and support sustainable communities.

Media contacts:

Minister Crean's office: Glen Atwell 0403 949 599

Justine Elliot's office: Maarten Sherrington 1300 720 675 M: 0409 656 523

This report recommends Council accepts and expends the funds.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report recommends that Council receives grant funding under contract and expends the funds on redevelopment of the Murwillumbah Community Centre.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Nil.
