



AGENDA

Late Reports

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 18 November 2025

Date: Tuesday, 18 November 2025

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Location: Council Chambers, Market Street Balranald

**Terry Dodds PSM
Chief Executive Officer**

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Operational Plan Objective:	Pillar 2: Our Place – A liveable and thriving community that maintains lifestyle opportunities and addresses its disadvantages.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek endorsement from Council to submit applications to the NSW Government's **Get NSW Active program** and the **Crown Reserves Improvement Fund**.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the submission of applications for the NSW Government's Get NSW Active program and the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund

REPORT

Two NSW State funding programs have recently opened. These programs could assist Council to deliver against the objectives identified in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

The closing date for both programs is prior to the next Council meeting, so this late paper has been tabled for Council's consideration before submissions close.

GET NSW ACTIVE PROGRAM

The **Get NSW Active Program** presents an opportunity to deliver initiatives that make it easier, safer and more convenient for people of all ages and abilities to choose walking and riding as a preferred mode of transport.

Eligible projects include walking, riding or active travel strategies/plans, feasibility assessment, concept design, detailed design and project construction. Eligible construction projects include walking connections, separated bicycle paths, quietways and share paths.

Projects constructed within 2kms of a school fall under the **Kids Get Active stream**.

Under the guidelines, Council can submit **up to 3 applications**, inclusive of Get Kids Active projects. The maximum value Council can apply for across all of its projects is **\$5 million**. No Council contribution is required.

Proposed projects

Based on the eligibility criteria for this funding and previously identified Council priorities, proposed projects for the Get NSW Active application include:

- **Euston Recreational Reserve Active Transport Connection** (as per Council Report 10.7 November 2025 meeting) – estimated cost up to \$1million (dependent on preferred option)
- **Safe Transport connection at the Balranald's Early Learning Centre**, including establishing a Parking Kiss and Go Zone in front of the Centre and reconstruction of Harben Street footpaths between Cally & We Streets – estimated cost \$350,000
- **Local Active Transport Strategy** development, including feasibility and concept plans for children to safely walk or ride to school in Balranald and Euston – estimated cost \$100,000

Council is eligible to apply for all 3 projects. The **total combined cost** of the projects is **up to \$1.45million**, depending on the preferred option adopted by Council for the Euston Recreational Reserve Active Transport Connection project.

Alignment with Council's Community Strategic Plan

Pillar	Objective	Strategy
Pillar 1: Our Lifestyle	Objective 1.1 Create and maintain beautiful, safe, welcoming and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living, active lifestyles and connection	Strategy 1.1.1 Invest in place-making, streetscape and resident (prospective resident and visitor) amenity improvements Strategy 1.1.2 Continue to maintain and, where feasible, extend public places and spaces that support community to come together and participate in healthy, active and connected ways (including community halls, parks, playgrounds, recreative reserves, green spaces, and access to nature)
Pillar 4: Our Infrastructure	Objective 4.1 Our amenity infrastructure enables active, inclusive, enjoyable, sustainable and safe lifestyles	Strategy 4.1.2 Continue to develop comprehensive and accessible active transport options throughout our communities including footpath networks and walking trails

CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) provides financial support for the **maintenance, improvement or development of Crown Reserves** that will have a significant community impact on high usage reserves.

To be **eligible** a project must be on a Crown Reserve. Under the guidelines, a separate application is required for each reserve. Council may submit more than 1 application. Each application can only include 1 major project, but it can have sub-elements.

The minimum funding per project is \$50,000 and the maximum funding is \$1million. **No financial contribution** is required by Council, but all applicants must have submitted any outstanding CRIF final project reports before the round's closing date (5 December 2025).

Assessment criteria include Reserve usage, community impact of the project and capability of the applicant to deliver the project.

Proposed projects

Based on the eligibility criteria for the CRIF and previously identified Council priorities, it is proposed applications are submitted for the following Crown Reserves:

- **Balranald Caravan Park Refurbishment Project** (estimated cost \$1million) including:
 - cabin upgrades and refurbishments – approximately \$420,000
 - caravan site upgrades – approximately \$160,000
 - refurbishment of communal facilities – approximately \$100,000
 - levee bank improvements – approximately \$80,000
 - pool area improvements – approximately \$40,000
 - automated entry gate installation – approximately \$40,000
 - fencing along the eastern boundary – approximately \$30,000
 - contingency and project management provisions – approximately \$130,000
- **Euston Recreation Reserve Lighting Upgrade** (estimated cost \$215,000) including:
 - installation of two new light towers

- refurbishment of existing lighting to achieve compliant illumination standards
- wireless Bluetooth switching control for all lighting assets

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Pillar 3: Our Economy	Objective 3.4 Our broad visitor economy potential is recognised, understood and enabled	Strategy 3.4.3 Continue to facilitate a broadening suite of accommodation options to meet visitor demand and encourage overnight and extended stays Strategy 3.4.4 Plan and provide for adequate visitor amenity at key visitor sites, including lighting, signage, public toilets, seating and shade
Pillar 4: Our Infrastructure	Objective 4.1 Our amenity infrastructure enables active, inclusive, enjoyable, sustainable and safe lifestyles	Strategy 4.1.1 Council comprehensively reviews all Council owned infrastructure, ensuring clear planning for each infrastructure item in line (as far as is practical) with the needs and expectations of communities

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

There is no financial implication, as no matching contribution is required from Council. The total value of the proposed grant applications is up to \$1.45million from the Get NSW Active Grant and \$1.215 million from the CRIF grants.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATION

Nil

RISK RATING

Low. Funding will be used to employ a project manager to oversee implementation of the projects.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil