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## Grassroots grants to help your community



We're offering \$610,103 in funding as part of our Community Grants Program.

Our program aims to support a wide range of community projects and activities that enhance life for the 73,000-plus people across our network. Local not-for-profit community groups, schools and educational institutions based in our water supply area are invited to apply from 21 September 2020.

Categories include Community Projects and Facilities; Arts and Culture; and Water Conservation.

Last year we funded a broad range of projects, including a mural, digital

scoreboard, upgrades to community and sporting facilities, water refill stations and more.

Funding is shared across the four Local Government Areas we supply water to on a population basis:

- Wagga Wagga City Council \$200,000
- Lockhart Shire Council \$100,000
- Greater Hume Council \$156,733
- Federation Council \$153,360

Both Greater Hume and Federation have increased grant pools due to unexpended funds being rolled over from the 2019 grants program.

Applications open 21 September.

### 2020-21 Community Grants Program

- **Total funding available:** \$610,103
- **Applications open:** 9am, Monday 21 September 2020
- **Applications close:** 9am, Monday 26 October 2020

*Late applications will not be processed.*

*Projects must be within our supply area.*

**Find out more and how to apply:**  
[rwcc.nsw.gov.au](http://rwcc.nsw.gov.au)

**Images:** Successful grants projects in 2019 included (from left) a water tower mural at Milbrulong, writing workshops and a new scoreboard at Harris Park.

## Water issues?

If you're experiencing issues with water supply or a water related emergency, please call us on **6922 0608** 24 hours a day, seven days a week





## Helping educate Nepal's next generation

It may seem like a world away at the moment, but a small village in rural Nepal is thriving thanks to Riverina Water and the South Wagga Wagga Rotary Club.

Earlier this year, the organisations combined to help expand the Sindhuli Community Technical Institute. Riverina Water provided a \$5000 donation to the project, as well as sponsoring one of its industrial electricians, Stephen McIntyre, to work for two weeks in Nepal.

Mr McIntyre, Rotary and a team of volunteers were constructing the multi-storey nurses teaching block and the ground floor of a hostel, which will provide accommodation for 32 nursing students.

“Working alongside very motivated, passionate and charitable people who give their time up to help out communities in need was a rewarding experience,” Mr McIntyre said.

“On paper, the project looked almost unachievable within the timeframes, resources and conditions, but we worked together and helped each other.

“The highlight for me was knowing my time and effort went towards

helping others to be educated; and remembering to appreciate things we take for granted.”

South Wagga Rotary Club President Bruce Duffy thanked Mr McIntyre and Riverina Water for their contribution to the Nepal project.

“Our club has been working on projects in Nepal for more than two decades and Riverina Water has been a fantastic supporter of our work over the past few years,” Mr Duffy said.

“South Wagga Rotary helped establish the institute in Sindhuli, which began with engineering students and is now expanding into nursing and other courses.”

Riverina Water Chairperson Councillor Greg Verdon thanked Mr McIntyre for his contribution.

“From the feedback we have received, Stephen proved to be an excellent choice to represent Riverina Water and his experience and skills proved invaluable,” Cllr Verdon said.

“Supporting projects such as this one in Nepal is one of the many ways Riverina Water gives back. We are a corporate supporter of Water Aid, which enables the world’s poorest people to gain access to clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.”

**Images:** Stephen McIntyre helped expand the Sindhuli Community Technical Institute and caught up with engineering student Sujita, who undertook six weeks' work experience with Riverina Water and Wagga Council last year.

## New website to help us connect with you

A responsive, customer-focused website is now available at [rwcc.nsw.gov.au](http://rwcc.nsw.gov.au).

The redeveloped site makes it easier to do more online, such as lodging forms and applications for both customers and developers.

The website has been redeveloped over the past six months and is mobile-friendly.

It also features resources to help you stay water wise in the home, garden and at your business; including usage calculators, home and school audits and a plant finder.

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## Works to meet growth

Our crews have been busy constructing a dedicated water main in Wagga’s northern growth area in recent months. It will increase supply capacity to the Estella Reservoir for Estella, Gobbagombalin and further to Brucedale and The Gap.

## Winter lawn advice

Winter rain is lovely, but be careful not to over-water your garden and lawn.

Place a 2.5cm deep tuna can on your lawn and turn off your sprinklers when it’s full. Don’t think about watering again until the water has evaporated out of the can.

In the garden, stick your finger in the soil to see if your plants are in need of a drink.

## Connect with us

We’re on social media. You can follow us at:

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