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Voice of the rivers and the night sky project to be funded

Local community will take the lead in improvements to the rivers around Kyogle thanks to a Stronger Country Communities Grant from the NSW Government. The project, titled “Weaving the voice of the rivers and the night sky” has been driven by locals who identified the health of their rivers as a major priority.

To aid this cause, Project Coordinators and Youth Workers will be appointed to work with local project teams in Woodenbong, Muli Muli, Wiangaree, Kyogle, Bonalbo, Tabulam and Mallanganee – all made possible by the \$208,000 grant.

NSW Nationals Member for the NSW Upper House said funding allocated to the Kyogle City Council will allow this project to proceed.

“The waterways of this whole NSW Northern Rivers region are part of the heart and soul of this area. They are part of the stories, the folklore and the everyday life of the people who live here.”

“A project like this will give the community the lead in the improvements in the river system they want to see. Having that ownership will give increased pride in the river system and the work being undertaken,” Mr Barrett said.

“This is just one of a number of projects The Nationals have delivered right across the Lismore Electorate. Because we get regional communities, we believe in regional communities and we want these communities to continue to grow”

Suzie Coulston, General Manager of Kyogle Together who will be overseeing the project, said the project will include storytelling and record keeping, passing on important knowledge in relation to the health of the river system.”

“This project will increase the health of our community - when you have healthy rivers and rivers systems you have healthy communities,” Ms Coulston said.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole said in the past five years the Stronger Country Communities Fund had delivered more than 2000 grassroots projects, benefitting every Local Government Area in regional NSW.

“We all know how important it is for communities to have great places to come together to build social connections and boost their wellbeing through sport or community events,” Mr Toole said.

“It’s the little things that make a big difference to the way we all work, live, play and do business, and the NSW Liberals and Nationals in Government are delivering the projects that make a difference to everyday life right across regional NSW, from Byron Bay to Bega to Broken Hill.”

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is part of the NSW Government’s \$3.3 billion Regional Growth Fund, designed to support growing regional centres, activate local economies and improve services and community infrastructure in the regions.

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