

News releases - Geoff Brock

Fund My Idea Mallee South winners announced

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Disability access for the Karoonda swimming pool redevelopment and a bush tucker and community produce garden are the two local projects awarded funding through the Mallee South round of *Fund My Idea*.

The Karoonda Area School will receive \$30,000 to support the construction of its new swimming pool, in particular to purchase and install disability access equipment and build a toilet and change room facilities that people living with disability can use.

An additional \$20,000 will help establish a community garden in Lameroo through the Lameroo Regional Community School. It will feature two areas - a community produce garden and a bush tucker garden which will include indigenous plants, bushes and trees.

Community volunteers and school students will work together to create the garden which can be used by the community and will include an outdoor kitchen and fire pit.

Ten community-nominated projects were featured on the YourSAY website for public voting for the Mallee South.

Background

Fund My Idea is an innovative grants program which coincides with each Country Cabinet meeting around the State.

The Country Cabinet *Fund My Idea* program forms part of the State Government's Regional Development Fund which is designed to drive the growth of the state's regions.

Fund My Idea supports communities that host Country Cabinet meetings through projects which will assist regional economic and social needs, and benefit the wider community.

Up to \$50,000 is available to each area that holds a Country Cabinet. Projects are nominated and voted for by the local community.

The Mallee South Country Cabinet was held 11-13 September, incorporating the Tatiara, Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray council areas.

The State Government's response to issues raised during the Country Cabinet meeting in Mallee South was released in December 2016.

The report is now available from the YourSAY website www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/country-cabinet-mallee-south/about

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

Fund My Idea provides communities the opportunity to have their say on where government funding will deliver the most benefit.

It's important we provide services for South Australians living with disability and I'm very happy that the Karoonda swimming pool will now be able to do this thanks to strong community support this idea received as part of Fund My Idea.

The community garden and bush tucker garden at Lameroo will bring locals from all walks of life together and I look forward to seeing this idea become reality.

Country Cabinet provides the State's Premier and Ministers the opportunity to meet with regional communities and hear about the opportunities and challenges they face.