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New canteen opened at Upper North Regional Sports Stadium

Geoff Brock June 3, 2017

A new canteen at the Upper North Regional Sports Stadium supported by a \$20,000 State Government *Fund My Idea* grant is being opened tonight by Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock.

Previously, groups looking for canteen facilities at the stadium had to use stainless steel benches and a nearby fridge as a makeshift canteen.

The purpose-built canteen will be used by the various sporting teams that play at the Jamestown stadium – known locally as the Big Shed – including netball, basketball, futsal and cricket teams from surrounding communities.

Additionally, it will allow the teams and other community organisations to conduct fundraising activities.

Background

The State Government grant is drawn from the *Fund My Idea* program.

\$50,000 is invested into communities at each Country Cabinet as part of the State Government's Charter for Stronger Regional Communities.

Local ideas are sought and then voted on by the community to decide which projects are allocated funding.

The Big Shed canteen was one of 36 ideas submitted for Mid North Country Cabinet *Fund My Idea* in 2015 and was one of two projects that won funding as determined by the community vote.

The second project funded in that round was \$30,000 to establish a community gym at the Burra Community School.

So far, 355 ideas have been voted on across the State with 22,255 votes cast in the nine Country Cabinet *Fund My Idea* rounds. Eighteen community-driven projects have received a share of \$450,000.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

The new canteen at the Big Shed will allow teams to not just continue to support themselves, but to raise further funds for more local projects.

Although we received 36 outstanding suggestions in the Mid North round of *Fund My Idea*, the community voted this one into a winning position and I am delighted to officially open the canteen tonight.

Quotes attributable to Northern Areas Council Mayor Denis Clark

The *Fund My Idea* grant has been an enormous benefit to the stadium and the hard working volunteers in the local community.

The new purpose-built canteen is something that has been needed for some time, and it's great to see it opened today.

We thank our community for voting on our project and their support that has brought us to this day.