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Mckinlay and Boulia \$1m funding approval

KAP Leader and Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter is delighted the McKinlay and Boulia shire council applications for the government's Drought Communities Program has been approved. Each Shire will receive \$1 million for their approved projects and Mr Katter said it's great news for struggling drought affected areas.

The Drought Communities Programme (DCP) supports communities in the most drought-affected regions of Australia and builds on the more than \$1.8 billion in additional Australian Government drought support measures already delivered.

The Boulia project includes installation of three sub-artesian bores on remote rural roads, the reconstruction of two concrete floodways and the upgrading of footpaths, kerbs and channel and storm water works in and around the town.

McKinlay Shire Recreational Facilities Enhancement project will see the delivery of upgrades and establishment of 11 community facilities across the McKinlay Shire. Projects include the Dirt & Dust Community Venue fit out, Julia Creek Dog Park, Julia Creek Bush Kitchen construction, Julia Creek Childcare playground enhancement, Kynuna Park amenities construction, Julia Creek Swimming Pool fence, Kev Bannah Oval enhancements, Peter Dawes Park fence, McIntyre Park power and lighting upgrade, McKinlay Centenary Park upgrade, and the McKinlay Community Shed fit out.

"This is wonderful news for Boulia and McKinlay, funding like this doesn't just drop out of the sky and I praise those who supported the application," Mr Katter said.

"The amount of work that has to go into securing these grants is huge and we pay great tribute to those people who have done the hard work in securing this money for our area. This will have a big impact on small communities – the more help drought affected areas get, the better," Mr Katter said.

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