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Stronger Communities funding announced for Abbotsford Junior Football Club

The Federal Member for Reid, Hon Craig Laundry MP today announced a Federal Government grant for the Abbotsford Junior Football Club's *Community Connect Project*.

The funding will allow the Club to both purchase new equipment and assist a number of local young players from disadvantaged backgrounds to register for the season.

The funding was provided as part of the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme that offers grants to community based organisations across Australia. The total grant of \$19,932 was one of the first announced for the 2015 / 16 round of funding.

The Stronger Communities Programme provides a total of \$150,000 in grants to local electorates around Australia and Minister Laundry noted that it was one of the most effective methods of supporting grassroots organisations.

"The Stronger Communities Programme is designed primarily to assist local community projects and organisations with the purchasing of equipment or development of capital works".

"Local sporting clubs are at the heart of our communities and Abbotsford Junior Football Club is a great example of that," Minister Laundry said.

AJFC's President Gilbert Lorquet said the Club's purpose is "to play a leading role in developing our members to realise their full potential through football and to contribute valuably to their community".

Mr Lorquet also noted the Stronger Communities grant comes at a time of strong growth for the club, recently hitting a new record of over 1,000 registered players for the 2016 season.

The announcement was made by Minister Laundry as he officially opened the 2016 season for the AJFC at Campbell Park.

The Stronger Communities Programme is run by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. For further information, visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/scp/>.

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