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## **NORTHERN PATHWAYS COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM – GIVING BACK TO THE CLARENCE VALLEY COMMUNITY**

A raft of local charities will receive funding or in-kind donations as part of a community support program run by NorthernPathways.

NorthernPathways, a consortium comprised of John Laing, John Holland and Serco, are delivering the new Clarence Correctional Centre in partnership with the NSW Government.

Following our Expressions of Interest call earlier this year, we received a number of submissions from local charities. These submissions were evaluated and six of the submissions approved for funding or “in-kind” support from Northern Pathways and our subcontractors.

We are delighted to announce the following organisations and their programs as 2018 beneficiaries of funding for their projects.

- **New Neighbourhood School of Arts:** Employ a youth worker for 12 months for a program on mental health & wellbeing, and renovation of amenities for homeless persons;
- **Clarence River Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Services:** Redevelopment of a community centre playground
- **Gurehlgam Corporation:** Indigenous programs & services
- **Police Citizens Youth Club:** Establish a series of youth-based programs in conjunction with NSW Police
- **Nungera Co-op:** Renovations to a Community Building in Maclean
- **Grafton Ngerrie Aboriginal Lands Council:** Renovations to a Community Centre in South Grafton

NorthernPathways Development Director, Stephen Sabbatucci said: “NorthernPathways will operate in the Clarence Valley for the next 22 years. We are committed to supporting the local community, especially through programs and projects that target education, youth and disadvantaged, homelessness and community regeneration. We are extremely pleased to have secured substantial funding of \$292,000 from the John Laing Charitable Trust and Serco Foundation for four of the projects. The two remaining projects will be completed by John Holland and subcontractors via significant in-kind commitment. We look forward to working with the selected organisations to deliver positive outcomes for the Clarence Valley community.”

The funding and in-kind support will apply to this financial year and it is envisaged that the projects will be completed by the end of 2019.

### **About the Consortum**

John Laing is one of the most experienced independent investors and managers of PPPs globally, with a track record of over 110 infrastructure projects and 75 projects under management today, including an investment in Auckland South Correctional Facility which is managed by Serco. The John Laing Charitable Trust was formed in December 1962 to provide welfare support and make charitable grants for the benefit of communities. In 2018, the John Laing Charitable Trust will provide in excess of one million dollars to a range of charitable organisations across Australia.

Serco is a leading correctional facility operator worldwide, currently operates ten correctional facilities in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. They currently operate Acacia

Prison, Australia's largest prison and the recently commissioned Auckland South Correctional Facility in New Zealand, delivered as an operator-led PPP.

John Holland is one of Australia's leading integrated infrastructure and property companies, , constructing two of the recent correctional centres in NSW and Victoria's Ravenhall Prison.

### **About the Clarence Correctional Centre**

The new Correctional Centre is located 12.5 km southeast of Grafton. The centre will become the primary correctional facility for all correctional operations between the Queensland border in the north, Kempsey in the south-east and Tamworth in the south-west.

The stage two planning application for the new prison was received in December last year. It covered design, construction and operation. Stage one early works started in June last year and with major construction now commenced, the prison is on track to be complete in mid-2020.

The NSW Government has partnered with the Northern Pathways consortium, comprised of John Laing, John Holland and Serco, to finance design, construct, operate and maintain the new Correctional Centre.

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