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AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES 51 NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS PROJECTS WORTH MORE THAN SBD 11 MILLION

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Australia will partner with communities across Solomon Islands on 51 new small-scale infrastructure projects in the first round of the Solomon Islands – Australia Community Partnerships for 2026.

The 51 new lifechanging projects are located throughout the country, and will support the installation of solar powered streetlights, the construction of new classrooms and community halls, and the provision of community water tanks.

The projects also represent more than SBD 11 million in direct funding that will go to Solomon Islands businesses to support development in communities.

Over the lifetime of this program, Australia has funded more than 340 projects in every province and every constituency of Solomon Islands.

Australian High Commissioner Jeff Roach said the projects reflected the strong and growing partnership between Australia and Solomon Islands.

“These projects will deliver practical benefits to communities, while also supporting local businesses and jobs,” High Commissioner Roach said.

“Australia is pleased to work in partnership with the people of Solomon Islands and their leaders to deliver projects in so many constituencies and communities.”

The next Community Partnerships round will open for applications in the second half of 2026.

The new projects awarded are listed below:

1. Thari Community Water Supply Project, Ngella
2. Pepesala Kindy & Primary Classroom Building Project, Savo / Russells

3. Dudurava Primary School Ablution Block Project, East Choiseul
4. Sasamunga Community High School Solar Power Project, South Choiseul
5. Nakena Water Supply Rehabilitation Project, South Choiseul
6. Betivatu Christian Community High School Multipurpose Hall, Central Guadalcanal
7. Koilotumuria Community Ablution Block, East Central Guadalcanal
8. Sopapera Anglican Church Community Hall, North Guadalcanal
9. Sir Jacob Vouza Primary School Staff House, North Guadalcanal
10. Barainagho Community Solar Project, South Guadalcanal
11. Marasa Primary School PPY and ECE Classroom Project, West Guadalcanal
12. Kaibia Community Improvement – Footpath and Solar Light Project, Central Honiara
13. Kobito 1 Solar Lighting Project, East Honiara
14. Tanamuki Community Solar Street Light, Gao / Bugotu
15. Gurumei Water Supply Project, Gao / Bugotu
16. Kolomola Community Multipurpose Hall, Hograno / Kia / Havulei
17. Solar Street Lighting for Alualu Community, Hograno / Kia / Havulei
18. Gnulahage Village Community Water Supply Rehabilitation Project, Maringe / Kokota
19. Bwaunasugu Community Hall Project, Central Makira
20. Mami Village – School Footpath Jacobs Ladder Project, East Makira
21. Tawado'oa, Pia Pia, Tawahu, Bethsedah and Oneibia Community Solar Project, West Makira
22. Buma Parish Ablution Block Project, Aoke / Langalanga
23. Abalolo Community Hall, Aoke / Langalanga
24. Antioch Community Footpath and Solar Lighting Project, Baegu / Asifola
25. Arabala Community Safety Street Light Project, Central Kwara'ae
26. Kwailasi Water Supply Rehabilitation and Extension Project, Central Kwara'ae
27. Roapo'u Solar Street Project, East Are'are
28. Saofura Community Hall & Disaster Evacuation Centre, East Malaita
29. West Fataleka Solar Lighting, Fataleka
30. Takwa Community Solar Street Light, Lau / Mbaelelea
31. Lathalu Community Toilet Block Project, North Malaita
32. Takilaboi Community Market House Project, North Malaita
33. Aimamara Solar Lighting Project, Small Malaita
34. Pulu Community Solar Street Lighting, Small Malaita
35. Harumou Market House Project, West Are'are
36. Masihuro Community Water Supply Project Proposal, West Are'are
37. Bubusua Community Hall Infrastructure, West Kwaio
38. Areo Village Community Hall, West Kwara'ae
39. Gongona Community Solar Street Light Project, Rennell / Bellona
40. Luesalo Rural Training Centre (RTC) Solar Power Project, Temotu Nende
41. Otambe Community Water Tank Project, Temotu Pele
42. Hunda-Ireke Solar Lighting Project, Gizo / Kolombangara
43. Bareho Community Primary School Power Project, Marovo
44. North New Georgia – Ward 20 – Solar Lighting Project, North New Georgia

45. Jones Adventist Primary Ablution Block Project, North Vella La Vella
46. Sidoko Community High School Solar Power, Rannogga / Simbo
47. Koliai Community Ablution Blocks Project, Shortland Islands
48. Nusabanga Community Solar Project,
South New Georgia / Rendova / Tetepare
49. Eleoteve Community Hall Project, South Vella La Vella
50. Goldie College Roofing Iron Renovation Project,
West New Georgia / Vona Vona
51. Boboe Community Water Tank Project, West New Georgia / Vona Vona

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PHOTOS:



Caption 1: MPA Philip Kwato'o and Project Coordinator Tonny Taupongi celebrating the awarding of Community Partnerships Projects in Malaita and Rennell and Bellona Provinces with High Commissioner Roach



Caption 2: High Commissioner Roach with successful Project Coordinators from Malaita and Rennell and Bellona Provinces at the first of three induction session hosted by the Australian High Commission this week