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Delivering the King Island Club upgrade

The Liberal National Government will deliver a much-needed upgrade to the King Island Club to protect the heritage value of the building.

The roof of the Club has been in disrepair and replacing it will prevent the building being damaged by water incursion.

Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck said the Club is a cornerstone of the Island's community and a worthy recipient of the Building Better Regions Fund grant.

"This \$61,875 grant will secure the future of the King Island Club and protect the priceless records of Island life that the club has custody over.

"The building has been a meeting place for Islanders of all walks of life for 75 years and this grant will ensure that it will continue to serve the community into the future.

"By delivering a strong economy and a Budget surplus the Liberal National Government has been able to invest in the vital community infrastructure that is so important to the lives of people in regional Tasmania."

Graeme Keeley from the King Island Club said the Club was delighted they were able to invest in the upgrade to the roof.

"The new roof will allow for better drainage which will prevent the leaks that have plagued the Club for years and allow for solar panels to be installed in the future.

"Over the years the Club has sponsored various sporting clubs and organisations such as the local football clubs, race club, Lions Club, RSL, Senior Citizens, Masonic Lodge, dance group, community events, Phoenix House, the garden club, and many more, which in return have supported us with meetings and functions – all of whom will benefit from this upgrade.

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"I thank the Federal Government for supporting the King Island Club, this grant will make a big difference to the community."

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Liberal and Nationals Government is committed to ensuring Australia's regions remain strong, resilient and prosperous in the long term.

"We are supporting our regions through investing in important local infrastructure, as well as great community-building and planning initiatives under the Building Better Regions Fund and other Government priorities such as the Regional Growth Fund and our decentralisation agenda," Mr McCormack said.

"In this round we are also investing more than \$70 million in regional tourism infrastructure, to support those many regional communities that rely on tourism to bolster their economy.

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