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(ASSA) Mackay branch vice-
Association of Australia

WE Boost of $550,000 for tourism
TOURISM projects in Sarina and Mackay will benefit from funding of more than $8 million in infrastructure projects and provide a $14 million economic boost
to place for a major upgrade
to help attract high-profile
televised sporting events.
The sporting and not-for-
had to be able to contribute
to use local contractors.
Mr Martin said the 13 capital
proposals were worth $4 million
and REMPLANT data
project is under
under construction.
That project will triple
the seating capacity at the
Mackay Memons
Association.
Mackay Netball is now in
a good position to secure
State Government funding
for a $1.4 million upgrade
for its Casey Avenue complex.
Our project is to construct
delicate, accurate
surface, which will then
give us a state competition
standard complex,” said
president Lyn Law.
“That means we’ll be able
to attract state events,
which will be the first
Mackay Netball event of the
ever,” she said. “We’re
embracing every project
we’ve had in time for 2017
future and I’ll be applying
for a state event that year.
The funding, combined
with Mackay Netball’s
contribution, will boost its
chances of funding through
the state’s Gold Playing
Funds.
“We’ve put in an expression
of interest and we’ll know
whether we’ve been invited to
the next stage in February,”
said Mrs Law. “We couldn’t apply
without the help of the state.
“We have eight surfaces
that are in bad shape. We
have some money to start
removing bumps and
crib and cracking.”
The existing courts are
used by 1500 members, as
well as school competitions. “We
have something like 170
places per court during the
year,” said Mrs Law.

Mr Finch said the range would
be a picturesque
164-hectare
property, with
a ready to
steam roll ahead.”
He said Mackay Cricket
Association’s major lighting
project was an excellent
case when targeting
major sporting events.
“Most games are now
limited by light and
pre-season time
evening at night, as to
secure these events
we need improved quality
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