

8. Federal Government Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program Funding

Council has been advised that its submission for \$1,043,000 of funds from the RLCIP has been approved.

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BACKGROUND

Following a consultation process that provided the community, service clubs, sporting organisations and others the opportunity to participate in nominating projects for consideration under the Federal Government funding program, Council submitted a list of 29 projects.

All projects have been approved and are briefly detailed as follows:

\$280,000 Merimbula Causeway Entrance Upgrade

Replacement of substandard safety fencing and improvements to the walking surface of the recreation walking network around the Merimbula foreshore.

Location: Market Street, Merimbula, NSW, 2548

\$106,000 Aslings Beach Deadmans Link Boardwalk Construction

Construction of an elevated walkway on the east of the Eden Cemetery providing safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Location: Aslings Beach Road, Eden, NSW, 2551

\$85,000 Eden Sportsground Upgrade

Construction of a new cricket oval and two half-size football fields at the Eden Sportsground.

Location: Princes Highway, Eden, NSW, 2550

\$80,000 Merimbula Fishpen Rock Wall Stabilisation

Works to stabilise the rock wall and complete a section of the Merimbula Lake foreshore walk including the planting of local native plants and installation of fully accessible picnic facilities.

Location: Fishpen Road, Merimbula, NSW, 2548

\$60,000 Pambula Cycle and Pedestrian Pathway Construction

Replacement of the gravel section of the walking and cycle track to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and provide sealed access to the local pre-school.

Location: Narregol to Dingo Streets, Pambula, NSW, 2549

\$56,000 Candelo Pool Path and River Walk Project

Construction of a 200 metre all-weather, accessible walking trail providing safe access from the town centre to the Candelo Pool.

Location: Sharp Street, Candelo, NSW, 2550

\$40,000 Bega Skate Park Installation

Completion of stage 2 works at the Bega Skate Park including installation of shade structures and landscaping works.

40 Location: Carp Street, Bega, NSW, 2550

\$35,000 Tathra Foreshore Walking Trail Construction

Construction of a walking trail and works for the beach reserve including revegetation of the area and installation of picnic facilities.

Location: Andy Poole Drive, Tathra, NSW, 2550

\$35,000 Berrambool AFL Sportsground Upgrade

Upgrade of the playing surface at the sportsground for AFL and cricket sporting events.

Location: Berrambool Drive, Merimbula, NSW, 2548

\$31,400 RLCIP Project Management Costs

RLCIP project management costs.

50 Location: Zingel Place, Bega, NSW, 2550

\$30,000 Cobargo Footpath Construction

Construction of a new footpath from Hoyer Street to Park Street to provide safe access from the pre-school to the playground.

Location: From Hoyer Street to Park Street, Cobargo, NSW, 2550

\$30,000 Pambula Playground Construction

Construction of a playground and recreation area for the Pambula community.

Location: Merimbola Street, Pambula, NSW, 2549

\$20,000 Merimbula Wharf Carpark Upgrade

60 Installation of a decorative, functional vehicle/pedestrian dividing rail to improve pedestrian access to the Merimbula Wharf, the Merimbula Aquarium and the Wharf Restaurant.

Location: Cobargo Street, Merimbula, NSW, 2548

\$20,000 Safety Fencing at Apex Park, Bermagui

Installation of safety fencing at the Apex Park children's playground in Bermagui.

Location: Bermagui Cobargo Road, Bermagui, NSW, 2546

\$16,600 Playground Fence at Apex Park, Cobargo

Installation of safety fencing at the Apex Park children's playground in Cobargo.

Location: Princes Highway, Cobargo, NSW, 2550

\$12,000 Nethercote Reserve Restoration

70 Restoration of the Nethercote Reserve to provide a recreation area for the community, tourists and local visitors.

Location: Intersection of Nethercote and Back Creek Roads, Nethercote, NSW, 2549

\$12,000 Wyndham Sportsground and Pony Club Refurbishment

Installation of a perimeter fence at the sportsground and refurbishment of the pony club including a new jumping course, horse yards and revegetation works.

Location: Mt Darragh Road, Wyndham, NSW, 2550

\$10,000 Kisses Lagoon Walking Trail Installation

80 Installation of an all-weather, accessible section of the Kisses Lagoon trail which links the Valley Fields sportsgrounds with the Bega CBD. This will replace the current section of trail which is dangerous in wet weather.

Location: Carp Street, Bega, NSW, 2550

\$10,000 Bemboka Pathway Construction

Construction of a 100 metre walking trail featuring historic interpretive material at the popular Bemboka rest area.

Location: Snowy Mountains Highway, Bemboka, NSW, 2550

\$10,000 Bermagui Blue Pools Viewing Platform Construction

Conversion of old public facilities to provide a fully accessible viewing platform with interpretive material at the Bermagui Blue Pool.

Location: Scenic Drive, Bermagui, NSW, 2546

90 **\$10,000 Tathra Walking Track Upgrade**

Improvements to the walking track will include erosion control, revegetation, installation of directional signage and interpretive material.

Location: Bega Street, Tathra, NSW, 2550

\$9,500 Bega Cricket Storage Shed Construction

Construction of 6m x 4m lockable storage shed to store equipment at George Griffin Memorial Oval.

Location: Carp Street, Bega, NSW, 2550

\$9,500 Quaama Park Fence and Shelter Construction

Improvements to the Quaama Park including fencing, electrical work and installation of a shelter.

Location: Moruya Street, Quaama, NSW, 2550

\$8,500 Beauty Point Jetty Reconstruction

Installation of a path handrail at the Beauty Point Jetty.

Location: Beauty Point Road, Bermagui, NSW, 2546

\$7,500 Kalaru Bus Shelter Footpath

Construction of a footpath along Tathra Road to provide greater direction and protection for children walking to school, cyclists, pedestrian and users of disability transport vehicles.

Location: Tathra Road, Kalaru, NSW, 2550

\$6,000 Bermagui Pre School Solar Panel Project

Installation of 2kW solar panel on the Bermagui Pre School building as part of the Clean Energy for Eternity program which involves children and their families in renewable energy activities.

Location: Young Street, Bermagui, NSW, 2546

\$6,000 Lawrence Park Seating Replacement

Replacement of deteriorating seating on the western side of the oval and installation of additional seating at the southern end to facilitate easier access for elderly and disabled patrons.

Location: Bega Street, Tathra, NSW, 2550

\$5,000 Cobargo Walkway Handrail Construction

Restoration of a heritage style timber handrail to improve safety for pedestrian access between the village centre and the local primary school.

Location: Wandella Road, Cobargo, NSW, 2550

\$2,000 Bega Netball Courts Seating Installation

Installation of new spectator and coach seating on the eastern side of the Bega District Netball Association courts.

Location: Carp Street, Bega, NSW, 2550

ISSUES**Asset**

These projects will assist in improving either the function or condition of a number of Council public domain assets. In some case the project will achieve both.

Social / Cultural

The implementation of many of these projects will contribute to improved access to and availability of a number of council's physical services for a broad range of the community.

Economic

It is anticipated that a "boost" in local work and trade will result from this project. A feature of the funding is to provide paid work and material supply. Given the time frames announced with the funding, the offer has been accepted.

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Strategic

Given the number of projects (approximately 110), that were suggested when the call for ideas was made, Council has the basis for follow up funding applications. This has resulted in the fast tracking of a "wish list" of ready projects and will see the further development of a public asset hierarchy for Council consideration. This may include projects emerging from the proposed recreation rates variation or the proposed "Community Partnership Fund".

Resources (including staff)

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Implementation of these projects will and has, as part of the application process pressured existing staff workloads. In accord with the council resolution project coordination and implementation assistance has been bought in.

Operational Plan

Given the nature of some of these projects the opportunity to arrange either current or planned works may need to be adjusted to ensure efficiency of project delivery. At this early stage of the program the degree of any adjustment is not quantified but any changes will be further reported to Council. The budget will be adjusted via the next quarterly review report.

CONCLUSION

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These projects have been well communicated by Council to the community. They are well supported by the particular interest groups and there is expectation that they will all be commenced shortly and delivered on time. Staff have made every effort to ensure the projects are as well planned and ready as possible and will work closely with participating community groups to ensure the level of community ownership and participation is high and recognised.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and endorse the action by staff to accept the funding offer of \$1,043,000.00 from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program and to commence the projects.