At a Special Meeting held on Monday 5 October, Councillors resolved to adjust the 2015/16 budget estimates which resulted in surplus budget funds and Roads to Recovery funds being allocated to three projects.

The funding for the Somerset CBD Masterplan was originally to implement the first stages of the Somerset Village Master Plan but with increased funding, works will now be expanded to include redevelopment of the civic space and widening of Elizabeth Street north for increased parking supply.

The upgrade of Seabrook Road / Village Lane junction was originally to provide warning signage of the dangerous junction when vehicles are turning. The increased funding will now see the elimination of the significant sight distance deficiency by cutting the vertical curve and lowering the road surface east of the junction on Seabrook Road.

Sisters Beach entry junction works will realign the junction of Honeysuckle Avenue and Elfrida Avenue with Honeysuckle Avenue to be the priority route. This will also assist in allowing a more prominent location for a redeveloped entry marker for Sisters Beach. This was one of the desired outcomes from community consultation through the Sisters Beach Open Space consultation previously carried out.

The Bloomin’ Tulips Festival for 2015 was the 25th anniversary of this event, and once again was a “bloomin” success. A big thank you to all the volunteers and Waratah-Wynyard Council staff for such a huge effort.

Thanks to all the patrons and stall holders for your patronage, without your combined efforts we would not be in sight of next year’s 26th annual event. Well done to all.