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Infrastructure upgrades on the cards as Council invests more funds into community

Waratah-Wynyard Council will invest a further \$739,950 into infrastructure projects after securing funding through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LCRI) grant program.

The LRCI Program is aimed at assisting a community-led recovery from COVID-19 by supporting local jobs, firms, and procurement.

The Yolla community will receive a large chunk of the funding allocation, with a new footpath on the Murchison Highway and footpath sealing on Mt Hicks Rd; playground equipment for the Yolla School and a public toilet all on the cards.

"Council is thrilled to receive the funding through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program instigated by the Australian Government," Acting Mayor Mary Duniam said.

"And I'm confident it will be well received in the community."

Additionally, Somerset's Cardigan Street Recreation Ground will receive a lighting upgrade, while all the public toilets within the Waratah-Wynyard municipality will be refurbished.

"Council continues to receive regular feedback about the standard and cleanliness of public toilets," Cr Duniam said.

"Community surveys indicate it is an area the community would like to see improved and we are happy to have the funds and resources to respond."

This proposed project would include the refurbishment of all existing public toilet facilities, including improved ventilation, new door locks, flooring and lighting.

Recently constructed facilities (Sisters Beach Boat Ramp, Rotary Park Playground and Waratah) have incorporated these features as part of design to help manage odours and overall cleanliness/appearance.

Round One of the LRCI program saw Council distribute more than \$550,000 in projects from Somerset to Sisters Beach, that included car parking improvements at Anzac Park; virtual fencing at Sisters Beach (to help minimise native animal road fatalities); a pedestrian crossing on the Murchison Highway at Somerset (as part of the Cam River Master Plan);

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and Wynyard Indoor Sports Centre upgrades. All the projects from round one will be completed by June 30, 2021.

It is expected councils, where possible, will use local businesses and workforces to deliver projects under the LRCI Program to ensure stimulus funding flows into local communities.

Round Two funding is to be expended by the end of 2021.

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