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Somerset projects get the green light after Federal funding announcement

Somerset is a big winner from recent funding announcements under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

Two successful applications by Waratah-Wynyard Council under the Australian Government Grant will fund car parking upgrades to support the proposed Anzac Park All-Ability Playground (grant of \$101,185), and pedestrian access across Murchison Highway (\$34,055).

The exciting new Anzac Park all-inclusive nature play space is designed to be accessed by a range of age groups and abilities and will become a destination drawcard for Somerset. Detailed plans for the playground are currently being developed. The LRCI grant will upgrade the current car parking that supports this recreation space.

Council will also design and construct a pedestrian refuge across the Murchison Highway to give residents safe access to the Cam River Recreation Reserve. The \$34,055 project supports the recently adopted Cam River Masterplan year one action plan.

In addition to the two Somerset projects, Council successfully applied for funding towards two other projects to the total of \$564,684 as follows:

Improved amenities/changerooms Wynyard Indoor Sports Centre \$400,000

Provision of updated change rooms at Wynyard Indoor Sports Centre to provide amenities for male and female sports, increase number of showers and toilets. The project has a total cost of \$508,300 of which Council will cover the remaining \$108,300 and additional costs.

Virtual Fencing – Sisters Beach \$29,000

Installation of new virtual fencing to stop Tasmanian Devils (among other animals) crossing the road in the Rocky Cape National Park environmentally sensitive area. The program was created to support councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is expected councils, where possible, will use local businesses and workforces to deliver projects under the LRCI Program. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2021.

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