

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grants

At its meeting yesterday, South Gippsland Shire Council acknowledged the Federal Government's \$2,384,531 contribution under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and endorsed its works schedule.

The program aims to support local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects, in order to support jobs and build resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following projects have been identified for the program:

- Clancys Road, Korumburra
- Loch-Poowong Road, Loch
- Atherton Drive, Venus Bay
- A road rehabilitation bundle including Bena Kongwak Road, Bena; Ferrier Street, Korumburra and Old Waratah Road, Fish Creek.
- Upper Commercial Street, Korumburra (access road behind the post office)
- Poowong Tennis/Netball Courts Redevelopment
- Port Welshpool Marine Search and Rescue Hub Redevelopment (subject to approval and the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association (AVCGA) – Port Welshpool Flotilla successfully obtaining Emergency Management Victoria funding)

In order to further support this work, Council endorsed an application for \$1,350,956 that has been submitted under the Victorian Government's AgriLinks Upgrade Program for Clancys Road, Korumburra; Grand Ridge Road, Mount Eccles Landslip and Nicholls Road, Mardan Culvert Replacement.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was thankful to the Federal Government for their contribution and was hopeful that the Victorian Government would look favourably on their application.

"As a Council we are extremely grateful to the Federal Government for providing a significant contribution for the improvement of our local roads and infrastructure. As a rural Council we have a significant number of local roads and assets to maintain for a small population – which

often can make balancing budgets difficult.

“This funding ensures that we can provide our local community with maintenance projects which are well needed and we hope that the Victorian Government will also provide us with additional support to complement this work,” said Ms Eisenbise.

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