

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grants

At its meeting yesterday, South Gippsland Shire Council again spoke about the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program works.

Under the program, local councils were given funding from the Federal Government to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects. The aim, to support local jobs and build resilience in local economies to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic slump.

Council has been advised that it will receive \$2,376,032 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program extension. This is in addition to the \$2,384,531 from the first phase and Council contributions.

With phase two of the program set to start from January 2021, Council nominated the following projects for this phase:

- Municipal Lighting Upgrade Project – which will see all streetlights in the Shire upgraded to more efficient LEDs to save Council up to \$155,000 per annum, resulting in an emission reduction of approximately 300 tonnes per annum.
- Port Welshpool Boat Ramp Car Park Enhancement Project – the existing car park will be sealed with formalised parking, directional movement and associated kerb and channelling.

Phase two will see the Federal Government allocate an additional \$1 billion to the program.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise:

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise commended the Federal Government for its contribution to improving road and infrastructure in our community.

“It is always great to see different levels of government working together on projects. With this funding, we hope to complete key infrastructure projects that benefit our community.”

“The extension of the program allows us to allocate additional funds to important infrastructure projects that benefit our community members.”

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