

**CCS272: LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

**Land Description** : Various locations in City of Albany  
**Proponent / Owner** : City of Albany  
**Report Prepared By** : Revenue Development Officer (A Lacy)  
**Responsible Officers:** : Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services (D Olde)

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - **Theme:** Clean, Green and Sustainable
  - **Objective:** To build, maintain and renew city assets sustainably.
  - **Community Priority:** Design, construct and maintain infrastructure cost effectively in a manner that maximises its life, capacity and function.

**In Brief:**

- Federal funding has been made available for local road and community infrastructure projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to Local Government owned assets (including natural assets) that are generally accessible to the public. Projects will need to deliver benefits to the community, such as improved accessibility, visual amenity and safety benefits.

**COVID-19 IMPACT**

- This grant funding has been established to encourage economic stimulus to offset the impacts of COVID-19.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**CCS272: DRAFT MOTION  
VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

**THAT in accordance with clause 3.5 of the City of Albany Standing Orders Local Law 2014 (as amended) Report Item CCS272: LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM be ACCEPTED for consideration as an urgent item.**

**CCS272: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION  
VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

**THAT Council ACCEPT the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Grant of \$1,196,421 and APPROVE the following expenditure within the 2020/21 Budget:**

<b>Youth Challenge Park</b>	<b>Public toilet</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>
<b>Town Hall Repurposing</b>	<b>AV Fit Out / Stage Lighting/ Heritage Interpretation / Wayfinding / Digital Trail</b>	<b>\$215,000</b>
<b>Centennial Park Connectivity improvement</b>	<b>Cockburn Rd &amp; Lockyer Ave Path</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Churchlane Road</b>	<b>Road re-sheeting SLK2.2 to SLK4.8</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>South Coast Hwy</b>	<b>Path in School Zone – South Coast Hwy</b>	<b>\$105,000</b>

<b>North Road – Panda Crossing</b>	<b>Safe Crossing</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Centennial Park Improvements</b>	<b>Improved public amenity within the sporting precinct</b>	<b>\$136,421</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,196,421 ex GST</b>

## BACKGROUND

2. Local governments have a critical role in delivering vital services and ensuring the quality of life for communities across Australia. Local governments are now also playing a key role in protecting the community from the impacts of COVID-19.
3. The Australian Government has committed \$500 million to the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program) to support jobs, businesses and the resilience of local economies. From 1 July 2020, Local Governments will be able to access funding to support delivery of priority local road and community infrastructure projects.
4. Local Government will be able to select the projects to be funded in their community according to priorities at the local level. As long as these projects are eligible local road or community infrastructure projects, they will receive funding.

## DISCUSSION

5. A number of projects that are able to be delivered in the timeframe were considered on the list and the following projects were selected:
  - Youth Challenge Park, Public toilet – this facility was unfunded in the current budget for this project
  - Town Hall Repurposing - AV Fit Out / Stage Lighting/ Heritage Interpretation / Wayfinding / Digital Trail – these fit out works were not funded in the Town Hall refurbishment project
  - Centennial Park Connectivity improvement - Cockburn Road & Lockyer Avenue Path – this provides an important shared use link to the Central Centennial Precinct
  - Churchlane Road - Road re-sheeting SLK2.2 to SLK4.8 – this will complete resheeting of Churchlane Road, an important link between Chester Pass Road and South Coast Highway
  - South Coast Highway - Path in School Zone – South Coast Highway – this project completes a path link near Mt Lockyer Primary School
  - North Road – Panda Crossing – this project will provide a safer crossing location on North Road
  - Centennial Park Improvements - Improved public amenity within the sporting precinct

## GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. At the Strategic Workshop 21 July 2020, a number of projects were identified and selected by Councillors to be included in this program.

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7. The voting requirement for this item is **Absolute Majority**.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8. Nil

**RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

9. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City’s Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
<b>Financial.</b> <i>Risk: There is a risk that by not establishing clear project management guidelines, timelines and budgets may be impacted.</i>	Likely	Moderate	High	Staff will review and address areas of concern.
<b>Reputation</b> <i>Should the City not accept the funding the proposed programs will not be delivered. The community may be disappointed that projects will not proceed.</i>	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	Accept the funding and proceed with the proposed projects.
<b>Opportunity:</b> Consistency and understanding of program outcomes for each identified project <b>Opportunity:</b> Grant funding will deliver programs with a direct positive outcome for the community.				

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. All projects must be delivered by 30 June 2021, and acquitted by 31 December 2021.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. Nil

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

12. Nil

**ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

13. Do not accept the grant funding.

**CONCLUSION**

14. It is requested that Council amend the budget for 2020/21 and direct works to be incorporated into the City of Albany Works Program.

<b>Consulted References</b>	:	Local Government Act 1995 Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program Guidelines
<b>File Number (Name of Ward)</b>	:	All
<b>Previous Reference</b>	:	Strategic Workshop 21 July 2020