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ALL PATHS LEAD TO FRANKLIN

Anyone who has driven, or walked, through Franklin recently may have noticed something different about the pretty riverside village.

It's the footpaths.

As distinctive as the river which Franklin overlooks is the footpath that runs almost the entire length of the town's main street, the latest stretch of which the Huon Valley Council has just finished installing at a cost of \$100,000.

The recently completed 160 metre stretch of footpath, from Kent Street to New Road, is stage three of a four stage project that will eventually result in the distinctive looking footpath snake its way along the entire length of Franklin's one kilometre long main thoroughfare.

The pavers for the footpaths were selected by the Franklin Township Development Committee and add much to Franklin's reputation as one of Tasmania's most attractive towns.

The new section of footpath replaces the uneven concrete footpath that had been considered unsafe for elderly pedestrians who use the footpath regularly to walk into Franklin.

Council engineers took the opportunity during construction of the new footpath to include significant improvements to local storm water drains. Prone to flooding in times of heavy rain, new drain pits and pipes were installed to alleviate problem flooding. Sloping nature strips fronting some properties were also levelled and instant turf laid to avoid the area becoming a mud pit during heavy rain.

Improvements were also made to Kent Street by sealing the intersection with the Huon Highway. This will assist in keeping gravel on the road to a minimum, which has been a problem in the past for regular users of the road.



Huon Valley Council construction crew with the newly completed footpath in Franklin. Over 240 square meters of pavers were laid as part of stage 3 of the project.

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The newly completed footpath in Franklin. Eventually the footpath will stretch along the entire length of Franklin's main thoroughfare.

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