



MEDIA RELEASE

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Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program projects announced

The Huon Valley Council is pleased to announce 13 priority projects which will be undertaken this financial year, following \$664,685 in funding received through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

The \$500 million LRCI Program is being delivered to support jobs and economic resilience and help communities across Australia bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Council focused on distributing the funds across the Huon Valley and has allocated the funding to projects that have been in the pipeline awaiting funding that were ready to go," said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders. "These projects will deliver important and immediate benefits for the Huon Valley community.

"The Geeveston Town Hall lift is a project our community has wanted for many years now, and was identified again this year through community engagement as a crucial community asset for the revitalisation of the Geeveston Town Hall.

"The lift will make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to come to events held upstairs, such as exhibitions and social functions. For exhibitors, artists, caterers and users of the Hall upstairs, this means access for all of their equipment and work can now be moved safely via the lift, making the Hall as a hire venue much more attractive beyond those living and working in the Huon Valley.

"We know that many people are looking forward to this modern addition to a highly-used heritage venue.

"CCTV cameras at the Huonville Recreation Ground will be part of a network of cameras being installed in town hotspots. This project will assist our local Police and will reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in the Valley, and increase the living standard for everyone.

"We will also be upgrading the kitchens in two of our community halls, lifting the quality of these vital social hubs."

Council will deliver the following projects under the Program:

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- Kermandie Road footbridge
- Dances Road footbridge
- Removal of Hedge at Huonville Recreation Ground
- Glen Huon Park fencing of playground
- Judbury Park fencing project
- Cygnet Cenotaph renewal
- Ranelagh Soldiers Memorial Hall kitchen upgrade
- Mountain River Hall kitchen upgrade
- Lift in the Geeveston Town Hall
- Huonville Recreation Area – CCTV
- Dover boat ramp carpark upgrade
- Cygnet Recreation Ground carpark sealing
- Huonville Recreation Ground carpark sealing

Updates on the progress of these projects will be provided on our website and Facebook page, so stay tuned.

“Council is also pleased to announce that we will be receiving an additional \$904,746 through the LRCI Program’s second round,” said Cr Enders.

“We are currently working through a long list of projects for this funding against our long-term plans and we are looking forward to releasing the list of selected projects via another media release. The projects will also be featured on the Have Your Say page at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay.”

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