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SOUTHERN MALLEE ENDORSES NINE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER \$978K COMMONWEALTH FUNDING PROGRAM

The Southern Mallee District Council has this week, endorsed nine community infrastructure and roads projects, which it will now recommend are provided with \$978,552 in collective funding from the Australian Government's *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program* (phase three).

Part of an Australia-wide initiative, the Commonwealth's LRCIP phase one and two programs have already supported the Southern Mallee to complete works on Kulkami Road, the Pinnaroo Aerodrome, Pinnaroo Pool, Lameroo Hall and the Pinnaroo Institute.

Now, under phase three of the program, the Council has recommended that the following projects are funded during 2021-22:

- \$290,000 for the Lameroo community meeting space
- \$290,000 for the Pinnaroo eastern entrance
- \$20,000 for the Geranium RSL Park upgrade
- \$20,000 for the Parilla main street footpath and kerbing upgrade
- \$168,000 for the 3.5km upgrade of an unformed section of Lameroo South Road
- \$25,000 for new pool covers and toddler pool heating at the Pinnaroo Pool
- \$40,000 for new pool covers within the Lameroo Pool
- \$55,000 to upgrade 280m of Lameroo's Adelaide Road Footpath
- \$70,552 to upgrade 400m of Pinnaroo's Gilbert Avenue Footpath

Importantly, Council will now write to the Commonwealth recommending that these projects are funded under the LRCIP, and will need to await final approval before the funding is confirmed.

Southern Mallee District Council Mayor Jeffrey Nickolls said the range of priority projects would provide outcomes across the district in a range of areas such as swimming pools, footpaths, parks and roads.

"The Southern Mallee has been exceptionally fortunate in recent years to receive significant funding from both the State and Federal Government," Mayor Nickolls says.

"The funding allows us to continue the great work of supporting jobs, resilience, connection and sustaining our economy in the wake of challenging season's and COVID-19 impacts. Without this support we simply would not be able to deliver these projects for our community.

"There's so much opportunity out here in the Mallee, and community assets such as those we're looking to fund help ensure we can keep our towns attractive, safe and more liveable for families and other residents. This is a major part of our long-term strategic focus if we want to keep people living and investing in our region, and I believe we're on the right track."

If successful, these projects will begin in 2021-22 and be completed before 30 June 2023.

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