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Town of Gawler Secures Funding For Key Local Projects

Town of Gawler has secured \$811,124 worth of funding through Phase 3 of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

This initiative supports local Councils to deliver priority road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, helping communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town of Gawler nominated six projects to receive funding through the LRCI Program at its Ordinary Meeting held on 22 March, 2022 and recently received approval for each of them.

The successful projects are listed below:

- Replace Calton Road playground, Gawler East (\$245,000)
- Establish an inclusive playspace in Apex Park on Julian Terrace, Gawler (\$40,000)
- Install a shade sail at the playground on Greenslade Boulevard, Evanston South (\$50,000)
- Renew Eldred Riggs Reserve carpark, Gawler South (\$193,000)
- Widen Dalkeith Road through the installation of sealed road shoulders (\$194,000)
- Reseal three roads in Reid (\$218,000) as followed:
 - Paternoster Road – from Two Wells Road to Richardson Avenue
 - Beasley Avenue – from Paternoster Road to end
 - Andrews Court – from Beasley Avenue to end

This is the third allocation of funding that Town of Gawler has received from the Australian Government under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, which started in 2020.

Council has previously received over \$1.3 million in funding from the program, using this money to fully fund or co-fund various road sealing and pavement works; playground improvements; construction of the Martin's Place Changing Places public toilets; and to install a lift at the Visitor Information Centre, allowing the Gawler Community Gallery to make use of the upper level of the building.

In the recent Federal Budget, the Australian Government identified there would be another allocation of funding through the program to councils across the nation, with Gawler set to receive a further \$405,562 from 1 July, 2023.

Council is yet to consider what projects it will fund with this allocation, as funding guidelines and agreements are still under development by the Australian Government.



Quotes attributable to Gawler Mayor Karen Redman:

“In tough times you have to find the silver linings and I believe this funding opportunity has been a silver lining,” Mayor Redman said.

“Not only has it allowed significant investment in our community, but it has shown how effective it can be when Australian Government and Local Government work together to not only deliver priority projects, but to actually create jobs and positive economic outcomes.

“I look forward to seeing these projects come to life and see the community enjoying the ongoing benefits for years to come.”

Quotes attributable to Town of Gawler CEO Henry Inat:

“Council is extremely pleased to be able to deliver these capital works projects in the coming financial year to continue to provide improved infrastructure and community spaces,” Mr Inat said.

“In line with the funding terms, Council expects that the construction phase for each project will be completed by 30 June, 2023.”

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