

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - SIGNIFICANT FUNDING BOOST FOR CAMDEN'S INFRASTRUCTURE

FROM: The Mayor

EDMS #: 24/342400

I am delighted to share with you some of the recent funding allocations Camden Council has secured, ensuring the ongoing development and enhancement of our community's infrastructure and amenities.

Through the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery (RTR) Program, Camden Council will receive more than \$7.7 million over the five-year period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029. This increase will allow for more effective long-term planning for safer road maintenance and upgrades.

We have also secured funding through the State Government's Get NSW Active program, which supports projects promoting sustainable and active transport. The Narellan Road, Mount Annan project has received \$1,251,000 for the construction of a shared use path on the southern side of Narellan Road and another footpath along Bransby Place. This will complete a crucial link between Campbelltown and Narellan. Additionally, the Village Circuit, Gregory Hills project has received \$400,000 to construct a wombat crossing at the Gregory Hills Shopping Centre, improving pedestrian safety just south of the roundabout intersection with Healy Avenue.

We have also secured \$4.5 million from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) under the Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) Fund. This funding is designated for the detailed design of Rickard Road from Ingleburn Road to Bringelly Road and for Ingleburn Road from Camden Valley Way to Scalabrini Creek, Leppington. Rickard Road and Ingleburn Road are currently rural two-lane roads. This funding will support their transformation to urban standards, with the project expected to be finalised over three financial years.

From the NSW Office of Sport, \$1.4 million has been secured through the Ad-hoc & One off Grants program to go towards the construction of a female friendly amenities building at Harrington Park Reserve. The new building will replace the existing building and support Council's investment into the facility to support increased participation.

Additionally, thanks to the Federal Government's support, several upgrades are happening across Camden, including road surface and kerb upgrades to Anderson Road from Camden Valley Way to the Dunn Road roundabout, improvements to Welling Drive between Persoonia Close and Waterworth Drive, upgrades to the Jack Nash Reserve Tennis and Basketball Courts, full renewal of the Boyd Reserve Footbridge at Currans Hill, and an upgrade of the Camden Valley Way and Hilder Street intersection with a two-lane roundabout.

These funding allocations and projects highlight our commitment to improving Camden's infrastructure, environment and community well-being. I extend my congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in securing these funds and I thank the State and Federal Governments for their support. I look forward to seeing the positive impact these projects will have on our community.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. note the information;**
- ii. accept the grant funding of \$1.4 million (excl. GST) through the NSW Government's Office of Sport Ad-hoc & One off grants program to go towards the construction of a female friendly amenities building at Harrington Park Reserve, and allocate the funding in the 2024/25 budget;**
- iii. accept the grant funding of \$1,251,000 (excl. GST) through the NSW Government's Get NSW Active program for the construction of a shared use path on the southern side of Narellan Road and another footpath along Bransby Place, and allocate the funding in the 2024/25 budget;**
- iv. accept the grant funding of \$400,000 (excl. GST) through the NSW Government's Get NSW Active program for the construction of a wombat crossing at the Gregory Hills Shopping Centre, and allocate the funding in the 2024/25 budget;**
- v. accept the grant funding of \$4.5 million (excl. GST) through the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) under the Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) Fund for the design of Rickard Road from Ingleburn Road to Bringelly Road and for Ingleburn Road from Camden Valley Way to Scalabrini Creek, Leppington;**
- vi. write to the relevant NSW Government Ministers, thanking the NSW Government for the grants; and**
- vii. write to Mrs Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden, Mr Nathan Hagarty MP, Member for Leppington, and Mrs Tanya Davies MP, Member for Badgerys Creek, thanking them for their support.**