

8.4.2 ROAD AND BRIDGE GRANT UPDATE

FILE NO: 16.00031

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

REPORT:

At Council's Policy meeting held Wednesday 4 November 2023, Councillors requested a report to provide an update on the expenditure of grant money on Council's road network (report to Council's Meeting held 13 December 2023).

Local Roads – Asset Backlog and External Funding.

Bathurst Regional Council's local road network comprises the following lengths :-

- Rural roads - Sealed 523km
- Rural roads - Unsealed 351km
- Urban roads- Sealed 305km

Councillors are aware that the asset backlog for Council's local roads are as follows:-

- Sealed Roads \$64,077,061
- Unsealed Roads \$2,798,616

Current road works funded by way of external grants:-

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (NSW State Government)

The Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) is a new State government program, which provides \$380M across NSW to support Councils across regional NSW to fix damaged roads. This is in addition to the \$280 million allocated to regional NSW Councils through the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program (RLRRP).

Funding for Bathurst Regional Council of \$3,125,873 was announced in September 2023, written confirmation has been received by Council in November.

The funding application has commenced, priority will be provided to maintenance of existing road assets within the rural and urban local road network as identified and prioritised within Council's asset management system.

The RERRF boosted and replaced the Regional & Local Roads Repairs (NSW State Government) fund that originally had \$2,229,826, bringing the RERRF to a total of \$5,355,699.

| Road | Description | Area (m ²) | Comments | Grant |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Triangle Flat Road (RLRR) | Heavy Patching | 11,424 | Completed 30 June 2023 | \$311,065 |
| Lachlan Road (RLRR) | Heavy Patching | 19,747 | Completed 26 June 2023 | \$566,383 |
| Hampden Park Road (RLRR) | AC Patching | 900 | Completed 28 July 2023 | \$87,814 |
| Zagrab Street (RLRR) | AC Patching | 2,070 | Completed 28 July 2023 | \$158,943 |
| Lee Street (RLRR) | AC Patching | 800 | Completed 28 July 2023 | \$76,099 |
| Windemere Road (RERRF) | Pavement Reconstruction | 6,665 | Completed 12 Mar 2024 | \$270,743 |
| Cherry Lane (RERRF) | Heavy Patching | 1,320 | Completed 16 Mar 2024 | \$82,604 |
| Ecrates Place (RERRF) | Pavement Reconstruction | 4,300 | Completed 10 April 2024 | \$186,850 |
| Swanbrooke Street (RERRF) | Pavement Reconstruction | 4,925 | Completed 24 April 2024 | \$201,674 |
| Russell Street (RERRF) | Resurfacing | 3,281 | Completed 14 May 2024 | \$281,059 |
| Durham Street – Mitre Street to Esrom Street (RERRF) | Resurfacing | 12,552 | Completed 18 Sept 2024 | \$1,357,999 |
| Caloola Road (RERRF) | Pavement Reconstruction | 22,910 | Awaiting contractor availability | \$1,309,466 |
| Turondale Road (RERRF) | Pavement Reconstruction | 7,000 | Awaiting contractor availability | \$465,000 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$5,355,699 |

Fixing Local Roads Round 4 (NSW State Government)

| Road | From/To | Area (m ²) | Comments | Grant |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Howick Street | George Street to Bentinck Street | 6,800 | Completed 14 Dec 2023 | \$703,500 |

Funding programs yet to be finalised:-

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Round 4 (Federal)

| Road | From/To | Area (m2) | Comments | Grant |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Duramana Road | Reconstruct from Eglinton for 1.9km | 15,650 | Completed 8 May 2024 | \$220,196 |
| Freemantle Road | Reconstruct and widen 21 – 23km | 17,600 | Completed 19 April 2024 | \$500,000 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$720,196 |

Roads To Recovery Program (Federal)

Council also receives funding through Roads to Recovery program, which is a Federal program. Roads to Recovery (R2R) Program allocations for local governments are distributed according to a formula based on population and road length set by the Local Government Grants Commission for each state and the Northern Territory. These are based on the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grant program. The R2R program will provide \$10,987,355 over the five year period 2024 - 2029.

Council's allocation this year is approximately \$2,197,471 which will be allocated to the following:-

| Road | From/To | Comments | Grant |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Charlotte Street | Durham St to William St | Resurfacing with AC | \$420,000 |
| Browning Street | Stewart St to William St | Stabilise existing pavement | \$500,000 |
| O'Regans Road | 2.1 to 3.2 km | Stabilise existing pavement | \$300,000 |
| Limekilns Road | 36 to 37 km | Reconstruct and widen existing pavement | \$300,000 |
| Beyers Ave (Hill End) | Hill End Rd to Clarke St | Stabilise existing pavement | \$328,912 |
| Freemantle Road | 23 to 24 km | Reconstruct and widen existing pavement | \$348,559 |
| TOTAL | | | \$2,197,471 |

Timber Bridge Replacement Program

Council has also received funding from both State and Federal Governments for assist with Council's replacement program for the following timber bridges:-

Note that the funding for bridgework is for the bridge replacement only, with road approaches to be funded by Council.

| Bridge | | Comments | Grant |
|--|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| Eusdale Creek Bridge – Tarana Road | NSW Fixing Country Bridges | Completed 29 Aug 2024 | \$950,000 |
| Stony Creek Bridge – Tarana Road | Federal Governments - Bridges Renewal Program | Completed 16 May 2024 | \$523,425 |
| Upper Turon Road Bridge - Upper Turon Road, Sofala | NSW Fixing Country Bridges | Under construction | \$649,000 |

Council still has 8 timber bridges in its road network that require replacement, with funding to be applied for when opportunities arise.

Bridges to be replaced as follows:-

1. 139 Tarana Road, Brewongle
2. 2721 Bridle Track, Bruinbun
3. East Street, Rockley
4. 24 Porters Lane, Yetholme
5. 3142 Turondale Road, Duramana
6. 2673 Limekilns Road, Limekilns
7. 180 Elmswood Road, Caloola
8. 8 Brewongle School Road, Brewongle

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 4: Sustainable and balanced growth.

Strategy 4.3 Ensure services, facilities and infrastructure meet the changing needs of our region.

Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.

Strategy 6.6 Manage our money and our assets to be sustainable now and into the future.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

01 **Inform** - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to help them understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil