



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Sharon Grierson MP

Federal Member for Newcastle

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

RUDD GOVERNMENT DELIVERS \$1.9 MILLION TO BUILD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEWCASTLE

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese, and Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson, today announced approval of more than \$1.9 million for eight pre-approved local infrastructure in and around Newcastle.

“These projects will support a wide range of groups in the local Newcastle community, with funding going towards parks, walkways, bus stops and car parks.” said Ms Grierson.

“This is a valuable investment into local infrastructure, and will sustain local jobs and economic development.”

Minister Albanese said, “The funding is being delivered out of the \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program, which is the largest single investment in local infrastructure in Australia’s history.”

Ms Grierson today said she was delighted to see funding announced so quickly for the Newcastle community.

“Projects like these show that the Rudd Government is responding to the Newcastle community’s needs and understands that our community is feeling the effects of the global financial crisis,” Ms Grierson said.

Mr Albanese concluded, “These projects were nominated by the Newcastle Council as their priorities. We have looked at them carefully and approved them so that work can get going quickly.”

The councils will receive contracts through the Federal Department of Local Government so funds can be released and work started.

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PROJECTS

***Details have been provided by the council.

Newcastle City Council (\$1,913,000)

\$488,000 Car Park Renewal Program

Resurfacing, restoration, landscaping, tree planting, fencing, drainage, line marking and improvement of disabled access in a number of local car parks.

Location: Newcastle City Various Sites, Newcastle, NSW, 2300

\$300,000 Cleary Street Car Park

Expansion of the Cleary Street car park including provision for disabled access.

Location: 45-49 Cleary Street, Hamilton, NSW, 2303

\$250,000 Upgrading Lambton Park

Construction of concrete walking and bicycle paths including associated tree planting in Lambton Park.

Location: Lambton Park 50 Howe Street, Lambton, NSW, 2299

\$225,000 Beresfield Footpath Construction

Construction of foot paving in and around Beresfield Shopping Centre to improve access.

Location: Various streets, Beresfield, NSW, 2322

\$200,000 Braye Park Reserve Upgrade

Formalising dirt walking tracks into walking and cycle paths, linking the playground with new picnic shelters and installing seating and tables.

Location: Braye Park 68 Clarence Street, Waratah, NSW, 2298

\$200,000 Bus Stop Renewal Program

Reconstruction of public transport infrastructure at various locations to comply with the standards for accessible public transport.

Location: Various locations, Newcastle, NSW, 2300

\$150,000 Upgrading Dixon Park, Merewether

Installation of shade shelters with seating and drinking fountains, concrete walking paths and tree planting.

Location: Dixon Park 15 Ocean Street, Merewether, NSW, 2291

\$100,000 Honeysuckle Boulevard Tree Planting

Infill planting of Norfolk Pines in the central median to beautify this major CBD access point.

Location: Honeysuckle Boulevard, Newcastle, NSW, 2300