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Age Friendly Communities

Report on Progress of Wheatbelt Development Commission Small Value Grants

Background

Following an Audit completed by Localise Council was invited to submit an application to the Small Value Grants Fund. Initially it was anticipated that there would be \$40,000 available per Wheatbelt Council for projects identified by the audit, we were also advised there may be additional funds if some councils were unable to submit an application.

The following projects totalling \$54,500 were submitted and funded:-

- Anstey Park widen pathways
- Senior Citizen Hall hard surface disabled parking at entrance
- Anstey Park- bollards
- CWA Disabled access and toilets
- Cemetery gazebos and pathways
- Slater Homestead Disabled Access

The funding announcement and application deadline fell outside of the Council's budget process and the projects had to be identified by the audit to be considered for funding. Funding for the above projects could be supported by Council's 2015/16 budget, community organisation funding, the Wheatbelt Work Camp, Work for the Dole and/or shire in-kind.

How does this fit with the Shire of Goomalling Strategic Plan

The project aligns with the following Council Strategic Outcomes:

B 1.1 Develop and maintain sustainable assets and infrastructure (long term)

S 2.4 Facilitate provision of services for aged persons and people with disabilities (medium term)

The project aligns with the Shire of Goomalling Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Outcome 2: People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access to buildings and facilities of the relevant public authority.

Environmental Impact

- No negative impact identified

Economic & Social Benefit

- All projects enhance and provide improved access

Financial Implications

- The Cemetery project is supported with Council's 2015/16 budget allocation of \$10,000 and Friends of the Cemetery Funds.
- The remaining projects were supported with Council's cash in kind (machinery and labour), Work for the Dole and the Wheatbelt Work Camp.

Slater Homestead

Mortlock Fabrication has completed Stage 1 of the improved access at Slater Homestead with a ramp to the Barn Function Area. Visitor comments have been very positive.

Ramp access to the school building will complete this project, It will include moveable ramp both sides of the building for access to the bedroom and Australian Creatures Gallery.

Slater Homestead Group has funds raised from the 2015 year to complete the accessibility landscaping.



Anstey Park

Paving has been completed in front of the CWA, widening the path on the side and in front of the building. Additionally the narrow ramp that must have been put there when the building was being used as a child health clinic (for prams) was widened and the gazebo was also paved.



Senior Citizen's (Masonic Lodge)

This project will concrete the access to the rear of the building, currently the access for seniors meetings.

It is planned **to remove the old toilet building** and provide some additional shade by planting trees.

The slabs currently forming part of the access will be utilised at the rear of the CWA.

The Wheatbelt Work Camp is providing the labour for this project.



Cemetery

The cemetery project will commence in the coming weeks, following drainage assessment and planning. This project includes \$17,000 of the Friends of the Cemetery Funds.

A Bitumen access road form west to east and paving to the new section with a Gazebo and named pavers for the Still Born Babies.

For further information please contact the shire office.

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