

MEDIA RELEASE

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Annual Plan provides a positive outlook

Circular Head Council adopted the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates for 2021/22 at the July Council meeting last night.

Circular Head Mayor, Daryl Quilliam said "Following a challenging year with the impacts of COVID-19, the positive outlook of the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates is very welcome."

The capital works budget reflects the ongoing costs of maintaining and upgrading more than 760km of roads and other infrastructure.

The Budget includes a significant capital works program with \$1,160,000 allocated for rural road re-sheeting, \$859,881 for the replacement of three bridges, \$250,000 for new plant and equipment for roadside slashing, \$115,000 for footpath replacement at Brook Street in Smithton and \$66,000 for a new updated entrance to Kings Park in Stanley.

"I believe we have found the right balance for our ratepayers between new infrastructure projects, maintenance of existing infrastructure and the delivery of core services to the community." Mayor Quilliam said.

A highlight for Circular Head children is a commitment of a further \$42,535 to light up the Christmas tree in Smithton during the festive period for the next 10 years. The lights can also be used at other times to highlight other events.

Council will also be developing a Grant Funding Strategy and reviewing the Regional Land Use Strategy.

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