

Community priorities driving Council advocacy

Kyogle Council is stepping up its campaign to secure funding from the State and Federal Governments for community identified infrastructure projects.

As part of the campaign, Council has developed a series of advocacy briefs seeking additional funding for essential priority projects such as:

- Sealing 15km of unsealed roads every year, focusing on school bus routes;
- Replacing all causeways with bridges or box culverts;
- Finishing the upgrade of the Clarence Way between Sandilands and Urbenville;
- Completing stage 2 and 3 of the Kyogle Memorial Recreation Centre;
- Developing mountain bike trails and facilities.

Council is also lobbying the State Government to permanently take Kyogle off the list of Councils that pay the waste levy and for funds to maintain public access to Bells Bay at Toonumbar Dam.

Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland said the advocacy campaign was grounded in community feedback.

“These priorities have been shaped by the community and what they have told us, time and time again, matter most to them - better roads, improved local facilities and increased resilience to natural disasters such as floods and fires,” Cr Mulholland said.

“We are taking that message directly to decision-makers and working hard to secure the funding needed to deliver for our residents.”

The advocacy briefs identify community concerns and the impacts infrastructure funding gaps are having on local people, while highlighting Council’s proven track record of delivering multi-million dollar projects for our funding partners.

Cr Mulholland said Council was determined to ensure the voices of people living in the Kyogle local government area were heard.

“We might be a small rural council, but we are not shy about taking our community’s case to the State and Federal governments,” she said.

“We have listened to our community and we know what they need, we have strong projects ready to go, and we have consistently demonstrated that we can deliver major infrastructure when the funding is secured.”

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