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FUNDING WIN FOR COMMUNITY-BACKED ROAD SAFETY PROJECTS



RESIDENTS WIN GRANTS PROGRAM

Coorong District Council, in partnership with local community groups, has won more than \$40,000 in funding for projects to improve road safety in the region.

More light will be shed on Narrung Road in Meningie, with the installation of street lighting to create a safer walking and cycling path from the town to the Lake Albert Caravan Park, while Tintinara Area School will have a new school crossing installed during the October school holidays.

Welcoming the \$36,700 grant for the installation and purchase of solar lights along Narrung Road, Lake Albert Caravan Park Assistant Manager Troy Fynnaart said, "It means people can walk safely from town to the caravan park at night time – it's a great start to lighting this area."

Lisa Fatchen was part of the Tintinara Early Learning Committee when the funding submission was made and said the school crossing, which received \$6,500 grant funding, would encourage children and the community to cross at the same spot.

"We've had a 30 per cent increase in the numbers at the junior school and the local library is in the school as well. There have been a couple of near misses, so getting the students and community crossing together will be a much safer outcome," Ms Fatchen said.

Coorong's Director Infrastructure & Assets David Mosel acknowledged the work of Troy, Lisa and local groups for their role in helping secure the funding, which the Council will match dollar for dollar. "All of us in the Coorong want people using our streets to feel safe, day and night, whether they are part of the local community or visiting our region," Mr Mosel said.

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“These projects will help make our roads safer and friendlier for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike.”



Another regional organisation – the Keith and Tintinara District Show Society – also received \$20,250 to improve pedestrian and cyclist access and safety at the Keith and Tintinara Showgrounds entrance.

The projects were among 12 road safety projects funded across the state as part of the South Australian Government’s four-year \$2 million Residents Win grant program. Residents Win invites individuals and communities to nominate projects, with grants of 50 per cent of the project cost awarded to successful applicants.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) had received almost 150 expressions of interest from community identifying specific road safety issues.

Announcing the successful projects, Road Safety Minister Peter Malinauskas said Residents Win was a great opportunity for local residents and community members to have a hands-on approach in shaping more liveable neighbourhoods.

“Thanks to the passion of local communities for road safety, the program has been able to fund many worthwhile projects to create people friendly streets and safer roads across SA,” Minister Malinauskas said.

“Importantly, applicants work collaboratively with DPTI, Council and consultants to develop the most appropriate and effective solutions.”

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