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Joint Media Release

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN CUNNINGHAM

The Rudd Labor Government will provide \$580,000 for four ready-to-go community infrastructure projects in electorate of Cunningham to support local jobs while delivering lasting benefits for the community.

Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government said that this funding would go towards projects such as the construction of tourist access facilities at Wollongong Harbour and upgrading water conservation infrastructure at Thomas Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow.

Sharon Bird, Member for Cunningham, today said that all up, these projects are expected to support an estimated 40 jobs during construction.

“We will deliver this funding to Wollongong City Council from the second round of our Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).

“The funding we’ve announced today will keep more people working in our community, it will support our local economy, and importantly, it will build infrastructure for the future,” Mrs Bird said.

Mr Albanese said that in just over a year, the RLCIP had delivered \$1 billion to build and renew community facilities across Australia, making it the largest single investment in local infrastructure in the nation’s history.

“Already more than 3,300 community construction projects have either been completed or are underway through the first round.

“Councils and community groups have been searching for funding for years, sometimes decades for many of these local projects. By letting local communities decide, the Rudd Government is helping turn the community’s vision into a reality.

“Across the country the RLCIP is funding sporting fields, swimming pools, libraries, community halls, water and energy saving facilities and other local projects.

“I expect to announce the approval of the remaining councils’ projects shortly,” Mr Albanese concluded.

Further information is available at: <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/local/cip/index.aspx>

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APPROVED PROJECTS

Wollongong City Council - \$580,000

- \$60,000 Provision of disabled access to the Discovery Centre in the Wollongong Botanical Gardens
- \$170,000 Upgrade of parking facilities at JJ Kelly Park in Wollongong
- \$200,000 Construction of tourist access facilities at Wollongong Harbour
- \$150,000 Upgrade of water conservation infrastructure at Thomas Dalton Park