

2021

# INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PRIORITIES



Clarence Town Road rehabilitation. Photo credit: Aithyn Grove

## Critical Road and Infrastructure Priorities



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# INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

**Council currently manages a 717.39km road network - one of the largest in NSW.**

Council relies on NSW Government grant programs to deliver critical and endorsed infrastructure upgrades to our road network and importantly, to keep locals employed, support tourism and contribute to the regional economy.

Over 52% of Council's annual revenue is from grants and contributions. Currently across our sealed Urban, Rural and Regional road network more than 130kms require either rehabilitation or reconstruction.

We are committed to working together with all levels of government, agencies, and likeminded organisations to achieve the infrastructure goals of Dungog Shire.



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# ABOUT OUR SHIRE

A vibrant, united community, with a sustainable economy.

An area where rural character, community safety and lifestyle are preserved.



# ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This document contains information regarding critical road funding priorities for Dungog Shire to help create and maintain a safe and accessible road network.



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# STATE OF PLAY

According to the backlog reported in Council's most recent Annual Report, **\$23.8M** is needed to bring Dungog Shire's road assets to a satisfactory standard.

However, recent estimates indicate the real cost to upgrade Dungog Shire's roads and bring them up to the agreed service level set by the Council is **\$55M**.

Council is seeking **real commitment from candidates** to assist us in attracting the necessary funding to meet our funding priorities and current backlogs.

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# CURRENT FUNDING PRIORITIES

Council has lodged funding and grant applications to assist with fixing and improving local roads under the **Fixing Local Roads Program**.

If successful, this would have seen a total of **\$9M** spent on eight local roads within the Shire, with **\$2.2M** contributed by Council.

Road	Description	Fixing Local Roads Funding	Council Funding	Total
Pinebrush Road	2.87km section	\$ 862,500.00	\$ 287,500.00	\$ 1,150,000.00
Flat Tops Road	3.00km section	\$ 924,000.00	\$ 308,000.00	\$ 1,232,000.00
Glen Martin Road	5.68km over 3 sections	\$ 1,752,750.00	\$ 584,250.00	\$ 2,337,000.00
Webbers Creek Road	0.92km section	\$ 376,200.00	\$ 125,400.00	\$ 501,600.00
Fosterton Road	0.92km section	\$ 973,500.00	\$ 324,500.00	\$ 1,298,000.00
Queen Street, Clarence Town	0.23km section	\$ 566,775.00	\$ 188,925.00	\$ 755,700.00
Hospital Road, Dungog	0.32km section	\$ 693,000.00	\$ 231,000.00	\$ 924,000.00
Duke Street, Clarence Town	0.30km section	\$ 643,500.00	\$ 214,500.00	\$ 858,000.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 6,792,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,264,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,056,300.00</b>

Council has received advice that we have only been successful for one out of eight of the roads listed above - \$924,000 for Flat Tops Road.

**This represents only 13% of what was applied for and presents a grant funding deficit of almost \$6M for our critical road funding priorities.**

Council will be seeking candidate support to reconsider our need for this critical funding and deliver on what our community deserves.

# PRIORITY ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Pine Brush Road, Glen William

Glen Martin Road, Glen Martin

Webbers Creek Road, Paterson

Fosterton Road, Dungog

Queen Street, Clarence Town

Hospital Road, Dungog

Duke Street, Clarence Town

## **Gresford Suspension Bridge**

Unsuccessful for \$2,272,400 funding under Round 1 of the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges program.

Council will be applying for funding under Round 2 and is seeking candidate support to achieve this aim.

**See addendum for full list of roads requiring funding.**

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# ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW NOMINATIONS

**A number of Dungog Shire roads have been submitted to the NSW Government's road classification review to be reclassified to Regional or State roads.**

The reclassification is yet to be determined; however, these are a priority application.

Regional roads to be considered for State road classification include:

- Priority 1 – Main Road 101 from the southern boundary at Tocal (Maitland City Council LGA) through to the eastern boundary on Stroud Hill Road (Mid-Coast Council LGA);
- Priority 2 – Main Road 301 from the southern boundary near Glen Oak (Port Stephens LGA) through to the connection with MR101 (Dungog Road) at Wirragulla; and
- Priority 3 – Link from Singleton to Dungog being MR128 from the Singleton LGA boundary to East Gresford and RR7764 from East Gresford to Dungog, pending support from Singleton Council.

Local roads to be considered for Regional road classification:

- Priority 1 – Limeburners Creek Road / Duke Street from Rifle Street Clarence Town (MR301) through to the eastern boundary near Limeburners Creek (Mid-Coast Council LGA);
- Priority 2 – Chichester Dam Road from Sugarloaf Road (RR7764) through to Chichester Dam; and
- Priority 3 – Salisbury Road from Chichester Dam Road through to the Barrington Tops National Park.

Reclassification of these roads is based around current safety statistics, traffic volumes including heavy vehicle usage, roads that provide regional linkages and service state assets including national parks, state forests and water storage facilities, and council's ability to continue to fund these roads due to its small rate base and extensive road network.

The reclassification is dependent on the condition that council seeks single invitation contracts to manage and maintain those roads to be reclassified. This will assist in maintaining council's technical capacity and keeping local jobs in the shire.

**Currently, Dungog Shire is the only Local Government Area in New South Wales not to have a State road.**

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# OTHER FUNDING PRIORITIES

<b>Camping to Dungog Common connection - Currently awaiting Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF) funding application determination</b>	\$264,432.00 funding required.
<b>Pool to School - Clarence Town walking and cycling path</b>	\$200,000.00 funding required.
<b>Gresford to East Gresford primary school cycleway</b>	\$550,000.00 funding required.
<b>Footpath and cycleway Limeburners Creek to Clarence Town - <i>approx.</i> 2.5km of asphalt path at 2.0m to 2.5m width</b>	\$1M funding required.

Dungog Shire Council is seeking candidate support to secure funding for these priority initiatives.

# ADDENDUM

## OTHER ROADS REQUIRING FUNDING

Urban Roads			Rural Roads			Regional Roads		
Road Name	Lenth(m)	Average Condition	Road Name	Lenth(m)	Average Condition	Road Name	Lenth(m)	Average Condition
Abbott Ln	687	5.0	Allyn River Rd	4471	4.6	Allyn River Rd	981	4.5
Abelard St	678	5.0	Black Camp Creek Rd	1527	5.0	Bingleburra Rd	3500	4.4
Albert St	275	5.0	Brentwood Dr	329	4.0	Clarence Town Rd	1901	4.6
Baird St	434	4.8	Chads Creek Rd	700	4.5	Dowling St	400	5.0
Brown St	676	4.6	Chichester Dam Rd	4500	4.1	Dungog Rd	1419	4.7
Chapman St	388	5.0	Chichester Rd	500	4.0	Durham Rd	796	5.0
Church St	665	4.3	Clements Rd	1120	5.0	Gelndonbrook Rd	200	5.0
Dowling St	1019	5.0	Cook St	200	5.0	Glendonbrook Rd	1392	4.8
Duke St	572	5.0	Cory St	634	4.5	Gresford Rd	1500	4.7
Durham Rd	796	5.0	Fishers Hill Rd	2008	5.0	Hooke St	952	5.0
Durham St	601	4.7	Flat Tops Rd	4341	4.9	King St	160	4.0
Eloiza St	758	4.3	Fords Rd	1000	4.5	Maitland Road	128	5.0
Fosterton Road	833	5.0	Fosterton Rd	1265	4.7	Mary St	227	4.0
Gladstone St	130	5.0	Glen Martin Rd	4491	4.7	Park St	860	4.5
Grey St	223	5.0	Hilldale Rd	498	4.0	Stroud Hill Rd	5678	4.8
Hooke St	1056	4.9	Lewinsbrook Rd	2680	5.0	Sugarloaf Rd	1503	4.7
Hospital Rd	733	5.0	Monkerai Rd	499	4.0	Total Rd	498	4.0
Jones St	285	5.0	Mulconda Ln	180	4.0	<b>Total</b>	<b>22095</b>	<b>4.7</b>
King St	496	4.7	Oakey Creek Rd	700	5.0			
Lord St	1000	4.9	Paterson River Rd	14495	5.0			
Mackay St	517	4.3	Pine Brush Rd	3068	4.8			
Main St	152	5.0	Purcell Pl	320	4.0			
Marshall St	543	5.0	Riverview Cl	200	4.0			
Mary St	433	4.3	Salisbury Rd	14851	4.8			
Moore St	431	5.0	Station St	420	4.0			
Myles St	876	5.0	Tanna Rd	290	5.0			
Park St	575	4.7	Wallarobba Brookfiel	1025	4.5			
Prince St	495	4.0	Webbers Creek Rd	4415	4.9			
Railway St	277	5.0	Welshmans Creek Rd	422	4.0			
Redman Ln	217	4.0	Woederns Rd	2031	4.5			
Reservoir Rd	170	5.0	<b>Total</b>	<b>73180</b>	<b>4.8</b>			
Rifle St	313	5.0						
Russell St	570	4.3						
Scott Ave	394	5.0						
Short St	355	4.0						
Simmons Ln	253	5.0						
Sloane St	363	5.0						
Verge St	378	5.0						
Victoria St	327	4.7						
William St	496	5.0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>20440</b>	<b>4.8</b>						

**TOTAL LENGTH OF ROADS: 115.7KM**

### 2021 SNAPSHOT

No unsealed roads listed, and excludes roads under construction and programmed for 2022. Small sections under 50metres are also excluded.



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