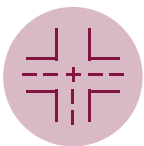




Greater Cessnock
**INFRASTRUCTURE
PRIORITIES**

Greater Cessnock Infrastructure Priorities

CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL IS CALLING FOR SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT IN 10 KEY INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES THAT WILL TRANSFORM GREATER CESSNOCK.



PRIORITY 1 RENEWAL OF THE LOCAL ROAD NETWORK

We want a road network that meets the needs of the growing Cessnock community. As we experience growth in development, population and an increase in travel demand our current network is no longer viable.

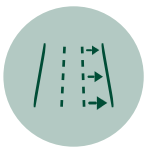
All levels of government need to invest in upgrading our local roads. Council requires:

- **\$19 million** to repair condition 5 roads and
- **\$51 million** to repair condition 4 roads to an acceptable standard.



PRIORITY 2 PLANNING THE CESSNOCK CBD BYPASS

\$1 million is required to develop concept plans for the Cessnock CBD Bypass that will ensure traffic moves efficiently throughout the city. Planning for a northern and southern CBD bypass will be critical to addressing increasing vehicles in our CBD. This is an exciting opportunity to plan ahead and future-proof our city.



PRIORITY 3 ARTERIAL ROUTE ROAD WIDENING

The Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy has identified significant constraints in our arterial transport routes between Bellbird, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Cliftleigh. Road widening to a four lane, two way corridor with signalisation at selected intersections is required to meet the needs of our growing community. The Cessnock population is predicted to grow by 49% or 33,484 people by 2041, putting signification pressure on our road network.

- **\$45 million** is required to widen Wollombi Road between Bellbird and Cessnock.
- **\$20 million** is required to establish an expedient connection between Cliftleigh and Kurri Kurri.
- A **\$17 million** upgrade of Maitland Road between Cessnock and East Cessnock Public School will ensure student and commuter safety.



PRIORITY 4 WESTON BEARS PARK REDEVELOPMENT

\$11.3 million in financial support is needed to transform Weston Bears Sports Park into a sporting facility that meets the needs of this growing regional community. The project includes an upgraded amenity building and grandstand, a new full-size synthetic football field, synthetic training field, supporting infrastructure including seating, pathways and landscaping, and a sealed carpark.



PRIORITY 5 CESSNOCK LIBRARY EXPANSION

The Cessnock Library Facilities Needs Analysis completed by the NSW State Library shows that Cessnock Library is undersize by at least 220m² and by 2031 the total additional floor space required will be 811m². **\$9.5 million** is required to expand the footprint of Cessnock Library to achieve a total building size of 1,882m². The additional floor space will provide a more accessible and spacious facility which includes new study areas, recording studios, expanded learning spaces, larger reading areas and expanded storage facilities.



PRIORITY 6 RICHMOND VALE RAIL TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

The Richmond Vale Rail Trail project is a 32 kilometre cycling and walking track along the former Richmond Vale rail line between Kurri Kurri and Hexham. The trail is located along the former Chichester to Newcastle water pipeline between Shortland and Tarro, and through the Hunter Wetlands National Park. The trails is estimated to cost **\$29 million** and is expected to have significant economic benefits for the region. It's anticipated the trail will attract 367,000 overnight stays from cycling tourists who will spend **\$69 million** in the Hunter each year. Support us to generate more employment, health and social benefits.



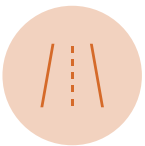
PRIORITY 7 RICHMOND MAIN LEGACY MINING SITE REMEDIATION

We're proud of our mining history but must address legacy mining issues. Support our recovery with an **\$8 million** investment in the Richmond Main site to restore heritage buildings. The site, owned by Council, operated as a colliery between 1888 and 1967 and is now a heritage mining tourist attraction thanks to Richmond Main Preservation Society. Unfortunately, the site is heavily constrained due to contamination and safety issues. Investing in this site would unlock a unique visitor experience.



PRIORITY 8 HART ROAD INTERCHANGE NORTHERN RAMPS CONSTRUCTION

\$20 million is required to construct northern ramps at the Hunter Expressway Hart Road Interchange. This economic enabling infrastructure will allow the commercial and residential development planned at the Former Kurri Kurri Hydro Aluminium Smelter to service the Upper and Lower Hunter, accelerating the creation of 6,900 full-time permanent jobs.



PRIORITY 9 UPGRADE OLD MAITLAND ROAD AT SAWYERS GULLY

This **\$10 million** infrastructure project will improve road safety and reduce commute times by straightening 21 bends and sealing the road surface. The upgrade of Old Maitland Road is vital to achieving the communities preferred 2041 road network by providing a faster road link to Rutherford and the Hunter Expressway.



PRIORITY 10 SHIRAZ TO SHORE CYCLEWAY - LINKING COMMUNITIES VIA SHARED PATHS

The Shiraz to Shore Cycleway connects Newcastle to Wine Country via the Richmond Vale Rail Trail and aims to create a showpiece for attracting cycle tourism to the Hunter region. The trail will create much-needed employment, health, and social benefits. The Shiraz to Shore Cycleway will also benefit local communities by expanding and connecting the shared path network between towns.

- **\$2.3 million** in funding is required to construct a 1.5km off-road shared path from Lomas Lane, Nulkaba to the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre.
- **\$7.6 million** is required to construct a 4.9km shared path between the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre and Hunter Valley Gardens along Broke Road.
- **\$13.1 million** is required to construct an 8.4km shared path from Bridges Hill Park, Cessnock to Abermain via Melbourne Street, Duffie Drive, and Cessnock Road.

Benefits in supporting the growth of Greater Cessnock

01

1,200+ new residents
each year that will
contribute to the
Hunter economy

02

700+ houses
built every year

03

\$2 billion in annual
regional exports

04

\$3.6 billion in
annual goods
transported

05

5,000 jobs
created by 2041

06

**Youth sport
and education**
supported

07

1,157 jobs
supported during
construction

08

608,000
commute hours
saved each year

09

Boost safety
on local roads

10

**1,053,000 annual
visitors** safely
reaching our LGA
and experiencing all
we have to offer

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