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Liberal Nationals announce \$350,000 for Nagambie Boardwalk Extension

The Liberal National government recently announced their commitment to investing \$350,000 into an extension of the Nagambie Boardwalk.

The boardwalk extension will run approximately 170m in length and connect the existing boardwalk in Jacobson's Reserve to Bryde Street, facilitating access to recreational facilities in Buckley Park.

The project is \$710, 200 in total, with a \$250,000 contribution from Strathbogie Shire Council and a private contribution of \$110,200.

The boardwalk extension is part of Council's broader Nagambie Lakeside Connection Project which aims to provide greater connectivity, allowing for increased exposure to Lake Nagambie and the town centre and increase walking, cycling and fishing opportunities for both residents and visitors to the town.

This comes as part of the Coalition's Community Sport Infrastructure Grant program that is upgrading local facilities across Australia that will help drive increased participation in sports and physical activity.

"The Liberals and Nationals is supporting local grassroots sports because we recognise the wider health, social, and community benefits that come from regular exercise," Federal Member for Murray Damian Drum said today.

"This investment by the Liberal Nationals Government is fantastic for the Nagambie community, and will have a broad range of health benefits for the local community. I look forward to seeing this important boardwalk extension, on the foreshore of Lake Nagambie, become a hub for locals to meet and exercise," Mr Drum said.

"This extension will be an all-abilities outdoor trail suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and fishers alike. We hope this expansion will make Nagambie an even more attractive location for sporting events."

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council welcomes the exciting funding announcement which promotes accessibility and the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors to Nagambie now and into the future.

"This is a much needed investment for a town that is experiencing significant growth and tourism development," Mayor McClaren explained.

“We just recently opened the doors of our new Visitor Information Centre and we had over 650 people come through over the Easter and GoFish Nagambie weekends.

We currently have in excess of 500 new residential lots in Nagambie and Avenel that are under assessment by Council, as well as discussions with a number of commercial developers.

That is why this kind of infrastructure is so crucial in supporting connectivity, economic development and active and healthy living now and into the future,” Cr McClaren explained.

This extension is the first of two stages in the Nagambie Lakeside Connection Project. The second stage will involve the construction of a foreshore walk, which will provide a safe and accessible connection between the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre and the Nagambie Town Centre.

“We look forward to seeing this stage one come to fruition and will continue to advocate for stage two of the project,” Mayor McClaren said.

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