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Status of Council Projects in Cygnet, Geeveston, Huonville & Judbury

[Photos Included]

People with mobility issues will soon have independent access between the ground floor and upper level of the historic Geeveston Town Hall.

Construction of a lift in the Town Hall is well underway and is due to be completed by the end of this year.

Mayor Bec Enders said the lift is a project the community has wanted for many years. She said it will remove the barrier of access and inclusion to the many wonderful events that are held on the second floor of the Town Hall such as exhibitions and social functions.

“Council supports the development of a community where all members feel valued and have an opportunity to participate in community life. We need to ensure that the overall experience within our community is inclusive and accessible.”

Huon Valley Council advocated in its 2019 Federal Election Strategy for lifts to be installed in both the Geeveston and Cygnet Town Halls. Planning is progressing on the lift in the Cygnet Town Hall.

“We know that many people are looking forward to these modern additions to our highly-used heritage venues.”

Mayor Enders said she was also pleased that members of the Cygnet community were making good use of the Dances Road footbridge which is now complete.

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According to locals, the bridge is popular among school children and walkers in the area. The bridge connects Charles St and Dances Road providing a very handy shortcut.

The projects were funded through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LCRI) Program. The aim of the program is to support jobs and economic resilience and help communities across Australia bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other projects being delivered under the program that are either completed or near completion include:

- *Removal of Hedge at Huonville Recreation Ground* - The hedge has been removed and fencing has been installed. Some mature trees have already been planted in place of the original hedge. The remainder of the trees will be planted next week completing the project.
- *Glen Huon Park fencing of playground* - Playground fencing contractor has been engaged and is expected to commence installation in October. The fence will enclose the entire park area making it safer for families.
- *Judbury Park fencing project* - Project completed.
- *Cygnets Cenotaph renewal* - The Cygnets Cenotaph renewal project has been completed addressing access issues and improving the overall aesthetics of the site.
- *Cygnets Recreation Ground carpark sealing* - Project completed.

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