
**MM38/13 RYDE RIVERWALK - RECEIPT OF FUNDING - The Mayor,
Councillor Roy Maggio**

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As Councillors would be aware, Council has been attempting to confirm federal funding to complete the construction of the Ryde River Walk for many years. In 2010, funding was announced by the Labor Federal Government but was not delivered.

I recently wrote to both Mr Alexander OAM MP and Minister Warren Truss, seeking advice as to whether the newly elected Federal Government would provide the funds as promised under the previous government.

I am very pleased to advise that I have received advice from Mr Alexander OAM MP – Member for Bennelong, that funding of \$1.1 million will be provided by the Commonwealth Government on the condition that contracts are exchanged in six months.

The receipt of this funding will now allow Council to continue with the works as planned which will improve the amenity in the local area by the completion of this section of the riverwalk.

RECOMMENDATION:

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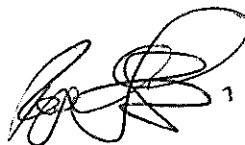
- (a) Council note the correspondence received from our local Federal Member for Bennelong, Mr John Alexander OAM MP.
- (b) Council thank Mr Alexander and Mr Truss for their efforts in securing federal funding for the Ryde River Walk and other projects listed on the attached correspondence.
- (c) Staff prepare a report on the implications of the receipt of the federal funding.
- (d) Details of the federal funding of the Ryde River Walk be advertised extensively in the local community through press, Mayor's Community Message and social media.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ryde River Walk - announcement of funding - John Alexander MP

Report Prepared By:

**Councillor Roy Maggio
Mayor**



Council, dated 9 December 2013, submitted on 10 December 2013.

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Wednesday, 4 December 2013

Dear Clr Maggio,

I refer to your letter dated 18 November 2013 regarding a federal infrastructure contribution of \$1.1million for the construction of the Ryde River Walk.

The funding for this project was first announced in July 2010. This was one of 78 Community Infrastructure Grant projects announced by the Gillard Government during the 2010 Election campaign. Three years later this commitment remained uncontracted at the calling of the 2013 Federal Election.

I support the construction of the Ryde River Walk and made a formal representation to Minister Truss to relay the many benefits this piece of infrastructure will bring to our local community.

I have today been informed that the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development has confirmed the full \$1.1million towards this project on the condition that contracts are executed in six months.

In total the Federal Government has today confirmed \$11,273,000 in federal funding towards projects in the Bennelong Electorate. These are:

Community Development Grant Projects Federal Electorate of Bennelong

Name of project	Commonwealth funding
North Ryde Dockers AFL & ELS Hall Upgrade	\$93,000
Ryde-Carlisle Swimming Club - Starting Blocks	\$20,000
Eastwood Ryde Netball Association - Club room upgrade	\$10,000
North Epping Multipurpose Playing Courts	\$50,000
ARU TG Millner Field Multi-purpose Community & High Performance Facility North Ryde	\$10,000,000
Ryde Riverwalk	\$1,100,000

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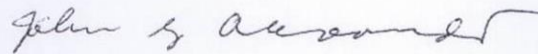
It is disappointing that some councillors and staff chose to politicise the Ryde River Walk prior to any decision being made by the new Coalition Government.

Community infrastructure developments are too important to be reduced to partisan political argument. A joint effort to achieve successful outcomes can only be achieved by all three levels of government working co-operatively together.

In this regard I offer to personally work with you and Acting General Manager Roy Newsome to develop strategies to facilitate the construction and completion of any local infrastructure project, regardless of whether the project is supported by federal funding or requires contributions to be sought from the private sector.

Many opportunities exist for Ryde residents to benefit from improved local services and infrastructure. I look forward to working closely with you in the best interests of our shared constituents.

Yours sincerely,



John Alexander MP
Member for Bennelong