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Tancred Drive Walking Track

Bourke Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Barry Holman, today advised that the installation of solar lighting on the Tancred Drive walking track, north of Bourke, is underway.

“The Tancred Drive Walking Track is a very well utilised walking track that originates from the northern boundary of the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre and extends along Tancred Drive all the way to the eastern approaches of the now closed North Bourke Bridge,” the Mayor advised.

He continued, “In all, the popular walking track has a distance of some 3.30 kilometres along Tancred Drive to the old Bridge. The installation of movement activated solar lights will allow the safe use of the track by walkers into the evening and early in the morning, especially during autumn and winter seasons when the sun is setting earlier and rising later.”

The Mayor noted that come the end of the lighting project, 30 solar lighting poles will have been installed on the walking track, which, the Mayor was hopeful, would one day fully extend from Bourke to North Bourke.

” Apart from the Heritage importance of the North Bourke Bridge, the design work that Council is currently undertaking in respect of restoring the Bridge, which includes the demolition, and pending further grant funding, the construction of new approaches, will provide pedestrian access across the Darling Baaka River,” the Mayor noted.

The Mayor acknowledged the receipt of funding for the lighting works from the Australian Government under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

“Without this funding from the Australian Government, this project, and various other projects that improve the amenity of our Shire, simply don’t happen. I wholeheartedly thank the Government for this funding and look forward to the completion of these works,” the Mayor added.

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