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“Onya bikes” Inverell, Quirindi, Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba \$521,000 for new bike paths

The announcement of \$521,000 for new bike paths in Inverell, Quirindi, Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Anthony Albanese has been welcomed by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor is very pleased to see the expansion of this form of community infrastructure.

“The network of bike paths in our communities has been developing over the years and I’m very pleased to see the investment in this community infrastructure continue.

“Bike paths promote a healthy lifestyle and also provide safe links in and around our towns.

“I thank Minister Albanese for his announcement and recognition of the needs of both large and small communities under this program.

“The construction of these bike paths in Inverell, Quirindi, Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba will support local jobs in the short term as well as provide infrastructure that the broader community can enjoy into the future,” Mr Windsor said.

The projects announced by Minister Albanese to be funded are as follows:

- \$200,191 for the Inverell Shire Council towards the 2.9-kilometre bike path from Inverell CBD to Lake Inverell Bike Path project, which will pass through the Albion Hill residential area. Bike parking and rest facilities will also be constructed at periodic locations along the new path. This project is worth more than \$400,000 and will support 12 jobs and two work experience positions.
- \$186,364 for the Liverpool Plains Shire Council for the Quirindi Bike Path project. This will construct a 1.5 kilometre cycleway along the bank of the Jacob and Joseph Creek and create an alternative transport route to the town for residents. This project is worth more than \$372,000 and will support seven local jobs; and
- \$135,000 for the Tamworth Regional Council Cycleways project to construct 13.5 kilometres of new bike paths in Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba. This project is worth \$270,000 and will support 13 jobs and one work experience position locally.

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