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Council approves \$8.1 million capital works budget

The Huon Valley Council last night approved the 2016/2017 budget and a capital works program that includes both asset renewal work and building of new assets.

Over the 2016/2017 financial year the Council will undertake the following works:

New works will include:

- Ranelagh Playground Public Toilet
- Car park drainage at the Dover Child Care Centre
- \$100,000 for the Franklin Foreshore Master Plan Implementation

Asset renewal works will include:

- \$4.9 million for roads, footpaths and stormwater;
- Reconstruction of Loiusa St, Cygnet, Lune River Rd (\$1.5 million), Coad St, Narrows Rd (\$477,000) and Donnellys Rd;
- Resealing works include George St, Braeside Rd, Coolstore Rd, Cradoc Hill Rd, Louisa St, Fords Rd and Tennis Court Rd;
- Footpath reconstruction works on the Huon Highway, Franklin, Tutton Ave, Huonville, Christina St, Cygnet and the Huon Highway in Dover;
- Sealed carpark renewal in Ranelagh and Huonville;
- Renewal of bridges at Fourfoot Rd, Downhams Rd and Liddells Rd
- Renewal of the Dover jetty;
- Upgrading the netball courts in Huonville;
- \$133,000 for streetscape, parks and reserves renewal works, and
- \$643,000 on renewal of community buildings including halls, sporting club rooms and independent living units.



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Huon Valley Mayor Peter Coad said the council's commitment to new assets and infrastructure bodes well for the future.

"The Council is to be commended on the financial management that has been in place for many years that has enabled it to continue to offer consistent levels of services, renew the asset base as and when it comes due, as well as to modestly invest in new capital works.

"The plans have been in place since 2011 and the entire Council do an excellent job to ensure that we are in excellent financial shape to meet the future challenges."



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