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\$702,000 FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN BRADDON

THE Latrobe Memorial Hall and Performing Arts Centre will soon boast upgrades to its foyer and toilets after receiving new infrastructure funding of \$700,000 from the Rudd Government, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said.

Latrobe Council was one of eight successful councils across the North West and West Coasts, to share in \$702,000 under the second round of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).

Mr Sidebottom made the announcement today at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, alongside Latrobe Mayor Mike Gaffney.

“I’m a big fan of this program, because it is about supporting local jobs while at the same time completing improvements and upgrades to important local areas and buildings across the North West region,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“All up in this round of RLCIP, about 30 local jobs will be supported.

“This project in particular has special meaning to me, given my role in local theatre on the Coast; I have performed at the Latrobe Memorial Hall and Performing Arts Centre many times.”

Other successful projects under round two of RLCIP include:

- **Burnie City Council** - \$86,000 to upgrade Burnie Tennis Club
- **Circular Head Council** - \$103,000 for the construction of a playground at West Esplanade foreshore park in Smithton
- **Central Coast Council** - \$151,000 to upgrade facilities at the Ulverstone Recreation Centre
- **Devonport City Council** - \$65,000 for refurbishments to the Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre
- **Waratah-Wynyard Council** - \$129,000 for the enhancement of Somerset and Sisters Beaches
- **West Coast Council** - \$98,000 for upgrades to Howards Park at Zeehan and the skate park at Rosebery

Mr Sidebottom said the projects announced today had been put forward by North West councils as local community priorities.

Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government Anthony Albanese, said that in just over a year, the RLCIP had delivered \$1 billion to build and renew community facilities across Australia, making it the largest single investment in local infrastructure in the nation's history.

"Councils and community groups have been searching for funding for years, sometimes decades, for many of these local projects," Minister Albanese said.

"By letting local communities decide, the Rudd Government is helping turn the community's vision into a reality."

For more information about the RLCIP program visit:

www.infrastructure.gov.au/local/cip/index.aspx

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