

14.1 Roads to Recovery – Allocation of Surplus Funding

Asset & Works		 SHIRE OF DOWERIN TIN DOG TERRITORY
Date:	27 October 2025	
Location:	Not Applicable	
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Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
Sharepoint Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

Summary

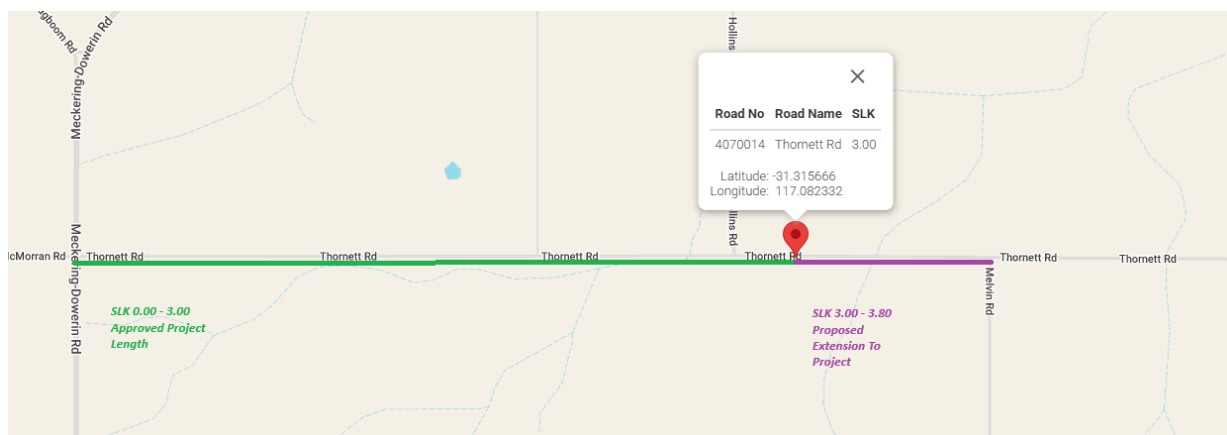
The adopted 2025–2026 capital program includes a 3.00 km resheet on Thornett Road from SLK 0.00 to 3.00, funded by Roads to Recovery for a total of \$135,972. Construction is underway and current cost performance is favourable. Due to efficiencies achieved on site, it is proposed to extend the project by a further 0.80 km to SLK 3.80 within the existing funding envelope.

Background

Council endorsed the 2025–2026 capital program allocation of \$135,972 from Roads to Recovery to deliver 3.00 km of works on Thornett Road between SLK 0.00 and 3.00. During delivery, an adjacent paddock has provided a convenient gravel source, significantly reducing contractor haul and handling costs per kilometre. The maintenance zone for clearing has also proven straightforward, reducing time and cost. These factors together have improved the budget outlook for the project.

Comment

Forecasts indicate that available funds are sufficient to extend the Thornett Road works by an additional 800 metres beyond SLK 3.00 using the current allocation. The extension can be delivered efficiently as the crew is already mobilised, surplus gravel is available on site, and no new pits are required to be opened or relocated. Proceeding with this 0.80 km extension would utilise the Roads to Recovery funding in line with current project planning and budget capacity.



Consultation

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Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan

Community Priority: Our Economy
Objective: Enhance and maintain the road transport network
Outcome: 2.1
Reference: 2.1d

Asset Management Plan

Identified key controls and actions associated with asset management are factored into the Asset Management Plan.

Long Term Financial Plan

Identified key controls and actions associated with financial management are factored into the Long Term Financial Plan.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.8 – Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget

- (1) “A local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure —
- (a) is authorised in advance by resolution; or
 - (b) is authorised in advance by the mayor or president in an emergency; or
 - (c) is authorised in advance by the CEO under delegated authority.”

Risk Implications

Risk Profiling Theme	Asset Management Practices
Risk Category	Project Time
Risk Description	\$5,001 - \$50,000
Consequence Rating	Minor (2)
Likelihood Rating	Unlikely (2)
Risk Matrix Rating	Low (4)
Key Controls (in place)	RRG 5 Year Plan AMP and LTFP
Action (Treatment)	Regional Road Sub-Group Meetings
Risk Rating (after treatment)	Adequate

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation 14.1

That Council, by Absolute Majority, in accordance with Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

1. Endorse the extension of the Thornett Road resheeting project under the 2025-2026 Roads to Recovery program by an additional 0.80 km, extending the total project length from SLK 0.00 to SLK 3.80, to be delivered within the existing approved budget of \$135,972; and
2. Authorise the Manager of Infrastructure and Projects to implement the extended scope as part of the current construction works program.