



Shire of Dumbleyung Secures \$3.6M Federal Government Funding to Develop Residential Land

The Shire of Dumbleyung has secured circa \$3.6M grant funding from the Federal Government towards the cost of installing headworks and site services to undeveloped lots in Dumbleyung.

This \$3.6M forms part of a total Federal Government funding package of \$32.8M for the 'Wheatbelt Regional Housing Initiative'. The Shire of Dumbleyung is one of ten Wheatbelt based Local Government Authorities participating in this important initiative.

There are 16 existing lots earmarked for headworks and site services development located in McIntyre Street, Taylor Street and Harvey Street within the eastern areas of the Dumbleyung townsite.

The main aim of the project is get these lots fully serviced to lower the cost hurdle for new housing development.

Shire President Amy Knight said, 'This fantastic \$3.6M Federal Government grant funding announcement will provide a much needed boost to increase the number of residential sites available for housing development in Dumbleyung.'

'This project is about the Shire taking a very proactive approach to identifying and delivering ways to increase opportunities for new housing investment.'

'A lack of key worker housing in the Shire of Dumbleyung is causing a significant constraint to economic development and population growth.'

'Increasing the supply of serviced blocks available for residential development is one way of alleviating this shortage and lowering cost barriers for development.'

Shire CEO Gavin Treasure said, 'A significant number of communities in regional WA, including Dumbleyung, experience market failure.'

'This means that cost of development is usually much higher than the resulting market value of the final build product.'

'This project looks to reduce this market failure gap by utilising important Federal Government grant funds to increase the number of development ready residential block sites in Dumbleyung.'

'The main headwork elements include power, water and sewerage connections. Subject to available funding, other potential inputs includes site driveway, drainage and earthworks.'

'Next steps include entering into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Government to access funding, then commencing detailed design work to finalise the project scope prior to tender'.

'Big shout out and kudos to the Wheatbelt Development Commission and Whitney Consulting for coordinating and supporting this successful grant funding submission'.

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