

5. FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION – COBRAM STREET, BERRIGAN (FROM ALEXANDER AVENUE TO SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF 74 COBRAM STREET)

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STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Sustainable natural and built landscapes

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 3.1 Create safe, friendly and accessible communities

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RECOMMENDATION: - that the Council include the footpath on the east side of Cobram Street, Berrigan from Alexander Avenue to the southern boundary of 74 Cobram Street in the Capital Works Program for 2015/16 to be constructed as a half-cost scheme.

REPORT:

Council has provided in its current Capital Works Program for the construction of a gravel footpath from the end of the existing path in Cobram Street, Berrigan to the intersection with Racecourse Road. This work was to be done in conjunction with the Berrigan Conservation Group.

The section of footpath past the more rural blocks south of 74 Cobram Street, Berrigan has been completed with gravel and consultation held with the property owners of the urban blocks to determine their support or otherwise for the project.

These consultations have revealed that the majority of the residents would prefer to contribute half cost to have a concrete footpath installed rather than a gravel path.

The consultation did not include the 3 owners of the lots from Alexander Avenue to where the path on the western side finishes as it was intended that pedestrians could cross the road at this point, however, if it is proposed to construct a concrete path it would seem reasonable to extend it to Alexander Avenue.

The area also includes Council owned land across the Horsefall Street road reserve and it would seem appropriate to construct the kerb returns and a small area of sealed pavement on this road rather than run the concrete footpath across it. This is suggested as this section of road will need to be opened and constructed as a

condition of any further development of the Amaroo site and it would seem pointless to construct a concrete path that would have to be removed in the next few years.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$39,500 with the cost to Council estimated at \$22,500.

The existing gravel path project has a balance of available funds of \$5,438 that can be carried forward for these works leaving a required additional allocation of \$17,000.

If Council is inclined to include the works in the next financial year we will commence the process to create the half cost scheme.