

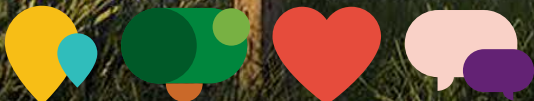


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# Infrastructure Delivery in 2020

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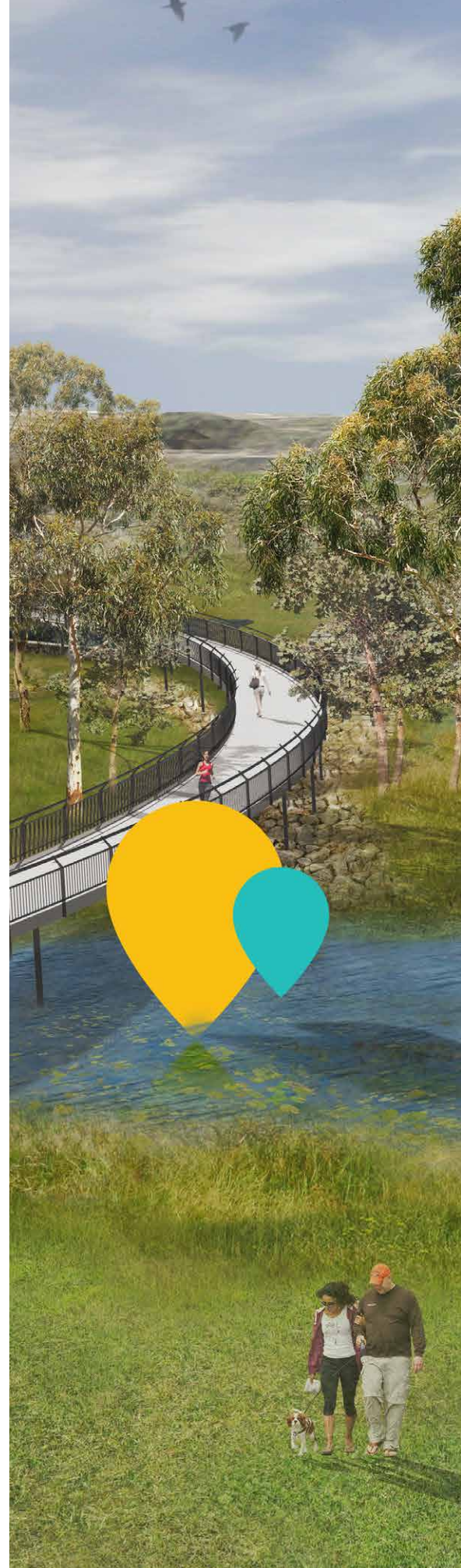




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New accessible path system including a 138m boardwalk linking the upper and lower parts of Gannons Park. Image from Georges River Council.





Streets as Shared Spaces program. Temporary conversion creating 4000 square metres of public recreation space along Coogee Bay Road.

Photograph: Randwick City Council

## Foreword

### **Good planning means investing in the right infrastructure in the right place at the right time.**

The NSW Government is working with councils, communities and the development sector across NSW to invest in the infrastructure that makes better places. With \$1.43 billion earmarked for the Housing Acceleration Fund, Precinct Support Scheme, Metropolitan Greenspace Program and Low Cost Loans Initiative through to 2024, we're delivering more parks and bikeways, more and better transport and water infrastructure, across NSW.

Work is underway on 239 projects, keeping a strong pipeline of new projects for delivery in 2021.

We'll continue to partner with developers to deliver critical transport upgrades and land for schools, biodiversity and emergency services alongside new growth. The Special infrastructure Contributions and State Planning Agreements system has allocated \$40 million to commence work on projects across the Western Sydney and the Illawarra this year - including planning for upgrades to Rickard Road (Ingleburn to Heath Road in the south west and Garfield Road in the north west (Riverstone Central Upgrade) to support new housing and to help people get home quicker.

The Camperdown to Granville Corridor is being transformed through the \$198m Paramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program, with new bikeways, new and parks and streetscape improvements all starting construction. In 2020 work commenced on 12 projects, including the redevelopment of Concord Oval and revitalisation of streetscapes, open spaces and pedestrian links in Cumberland and the Inner West along the Parramatta Road Corridor.

In 2020 the Government added three new programs to support local communities and maintain jobs though the economic impacts of COVID19.

We partnered with The Hills Shire and Blacktown councils to bring forward \$145m of parks, roads and drainage infrastructure under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund and helped 48 councils across NSW support their communities through the \$15m Streets as Shared Spaces.

In August we launched the \$250m Public Spaces Legacy Program - which will support thousands of construction jobs, accelerate the planning system, and deliver dozens of new and upgraded open and public spaces across the State.

This snapshot shows how our infrastructure funds were invested in 2020.



## What we committed to funding in 2020

Total funding: **\$265,618,334** for **125 projects**



Roads

**\$133,823,677**

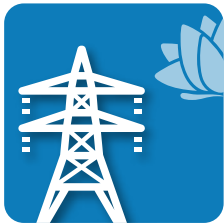
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Cycleways and shared paths

**\$8,631,184**

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Critical infrastructure

to support new development (e.g. stormwater, drainage, electricity etc)

**\$48,750,309**

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Open and public spaces

**\$61,897,801**

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Land acquisition

**\$12,515,363**

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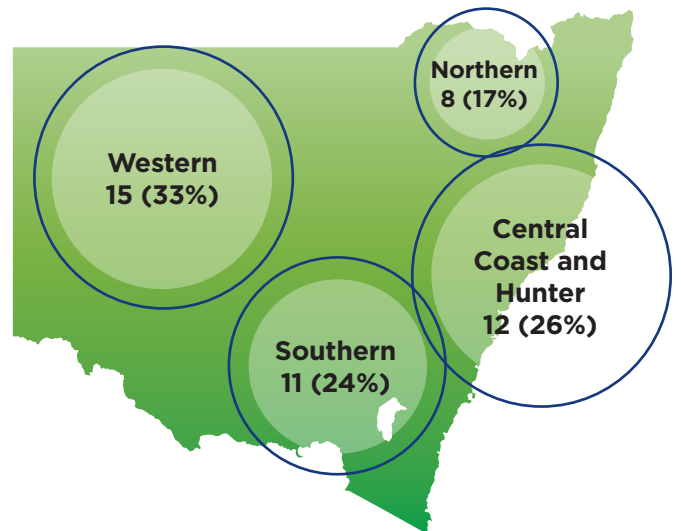
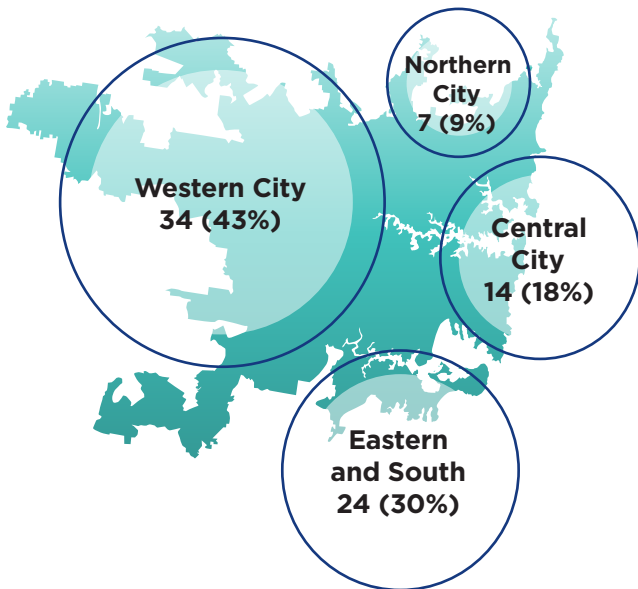


# Where we have committed funding in 2020

Committed projects: **125**

**METRO 63% (80)**

**REGIONAL 37% (46)**



## Premier's Priorities

### Greener public spaces

**Increase the proportion of homes in urban areas within 10 minutes' walk of quality green, open and public space by 10% by 2023.**



In 2020, **17,560** more homes are now within a 10-minute walk from 8 new and upgraded open space projects delivered under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program, Precinct Support Scheme and Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program.

### Greening our city

**Increase the tree canopy and green cover across Greater Sydney by planting 1 million trees by 2022.**



In 2020, more than **600,000** trees have been planted or procured under the priority. Recipients of grants under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program are required to plant a tree for every \$2500 awarded in grant funding.

## ♥ Case studies

### Alfred Street Pedestrian Bridge (Housing Acceleration Fund)

The Alfred Street Pedestrian Bridge, the first diagonal arch bridge designed and constructed in Australia, provides improved pedestrian and cycling connectivity between new homes being constructed on the north bank of the Parramatta River, the Western Sydney University's Rydalmere campus, and the Parramatta CBD. The close proximity of the bridge to nearly 850 new homes and the Parramatta Light Rail ensures that the growing population is less reliant on motor vehicles for transport.

The bridge will connect Alfred Street on the south bank of the Parramatta River, and public access pathways adjoining new development on the north Bank. It will span approximately 80 metres, and feature a 30 metre arch above the river.

The project is jointly funded by the NSW Government via the Housing Acceleration Fund and City of Parramatta Council.

Construction commenced in 2020.



### Concord Oval Redevelopment (Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program)

The Concord Oval Redevelopment project is being jointly funded by the NSW Government, Federal Government and City of Canada Bay Council. The \$42.29 million commitment to the project under the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program ensures that the new facility will not only cater for sporting events, but will provide a community focused indoor recreation centre, outdoor open space for casual recreation, and dedicated indoor rooms for community use.

Construction commenced in 2020.



Image: Canada Bay Council

## Gannons Park Water Quality Improvement (Metropolitan Greenspace Program)



The Metropolitan Greenspace Program provided Georges River Council with \$812,000 to support the \$3.7 million reinstatement of the Upper Boggywell Creek in Gannons Park, Peakhurst. The project's integrated water quality improvements of swales and bioretention systems is expected to remove 16,000kg of sediment, 22kg of phosphorus and 131kg of nitrogen every year from flows entering the Georges River. It will also provide 26 million litres of water each year for future harvesting for the upper Gannons Park sporting fields, reducing potable water use. The project has also established a new accessible path system including a 138m boardwalk linking the upper and lower parts of Gannon Park.

Completed in 2020.

## Gosford CBD Water Infrastructure Improvements (Housing Acceleration Fund)

The Gosford CBD water infrastructure upgrade project provides increased water supply capacity and greater water security for a planned 5,000 new homes as well as local businesses in the Gosford CBD, and to support the redevelopment and expansion of the Gosford Hospital.

The project features 43 individual upgrade sites, and will ultimately deliver 7.8 km of watermains and link mains, a pressure reducing valve, a trunk main non-return valve, and a trunk main interconnection.

The project will be complimented by planned upgrades to the Gosford CBD sewer network.

Construction commenced in 2020.



Photograph: Gosford Council





Streets as Shared Spaces program. Temporary conversion of carparking spaces into a pop-up arboretum at Broken Hill.

## Stay and Play Arboretum (Streets as Shared Spaces)

In 2020, Broken Hill Council was awarded \$35,000 to deliver the Plan and Stay Arboretum project under the Streets as Shared Spaces program. The project involves transforming carparking spaces into a pop-up arboretum and shared space including seating, planting boxes, programming and art. The space was created utilising human centred design principles to ensure its use by people of all ages and abilities, and local people and visitors alike providing a restful, calm space in a part of a busy carpark in the central business district

Completed in 2020.



Photographs: Broken Hill Council

## Yass to Murrumbateman Water Transfer project (Low Cost Loans Initiative)



Photograph: Yass Valley Council

Yass Valley Council were allocated \$164,997 in funding under the Low Cost Loans Initiative to help deliver the Yass to Murrumbateman Water Transfer System project. The project which includes a new pump station, pumped water main and water reservoir will deliver water from the Morton Avenue Reservoir, Yass, via a 250mm pipeline to 1,000 new dwellings in nearby Murrumbateman. The project allows for population growth in Murrumbateman as well as helping to create local jobs through construction activity.

Completed in 2020 and operational in January 2021.



Concord Oval redevelopment – Photograph: Canada Bay Council



# Infrastructure Grant Programs

## Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

\$75.9 million for local roads, stormwater infrastructure and public open space projects in the high growth areas of Blacktown and The Hills Shire in north west Sydney.

## Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF)

\$1.3 billion for 56 transport, water, wastewater, drainage and community infrastructure projects in metro and regional areas to accelerate housing delivery.

## Low Cost Loans Initiative (LCLI)

\$31 million to allow councils to bring forward planned infrastructure and borrow up to \$500 million for infrastructure for new housing supply by halving the cost of interest on their loans.

## Metropolitan Greenspace Program (MGP)

\$4 million to Greater Sydney and Central Coast councils for shared paths, cycleways, new and improved parks and open spaces and plans of management to improve and increase access to open space.

## Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program (PRUAIP)

\$198 million for 32 open space and active transport projects along Parramatta Road including streetscape upgrades, walking and cycle ways, and new and upgraded open spaces.

## Precinct Support Scheme

A \$100 million local infrastructure grants program to support urban renewal, park and public realm upgrades, active transport and sustainable growth in planned precincts.

## Public Spaces Legacy Program

A \$250 million program for councils using the ePlanning system and who demonstrate accelerated local assessments to deliver a legacy of safe, quality public and open space.

## Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) Program

The SIC program provides funding from development contributions to councils and state agencies to help deliver State and regional infrastructure including roads, open space, biodiversity and schools.

## Streets as Shared Spaces (SASS)

A \$15 million program supporting 48 projects across the state to transform streets into vibrant, pedestrian-friendly public spaces.

## State Voluntary Planning Agreements (SVPA) Program

The SVPA program provides funding from development contributions to councils and state agencies to help deliver State infrastructure including public amenities, affordable housing or enhancement of the natural environment.

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