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Nationals in Government commit \$1.98 million for nine Southern Midlands Council projects

Nine projects on Southern Midlands Council's priority list will proceed if the Nationals are returned to Government, Tasmanian Nationals Senator Steve Martin has announced.

Senator Martin delivered the good news in the company of Southern Midlands Mayor Alex Green and Lyons Nationals candidate Deanna Hutchinson in Oatlands on Wednesday.

Mayor Green, on behalf of the Southern Midlands community, welcomed the announcement of an election commitment of \$1.98 million by Senator Steve Martin on behalf of the Nationals.

"The funding will see the implementation of a range of projects that will provide considerable benefits to communities right across the Southern Midlands Council area," Mayor Greene said.

Lyons Nationals candidate Deanna Hutchinson said it was all about putting locals first.

"Communities like those in Southern Midlands have enormous potential in the digital age, but if we want more families to move here we have to provide the sort of social and leisure infrastructure we are delivering with these commitments," Ms Hutchinson said.

The projects the Nationals in Government have pledged to fund are:

1. \$250,000 for the undergrounding of overhead power lines and associated streetscape improvement works along the Esplanade at Oatlands.
2. \$220,000 for the upgrade of walkways around the Lake Dulverton Conservation Area to form an all-weather surface that is suitable for recreational use, primarily walking and cycling.
3. \$100,000 for the construction of paths that are suitable for recreational use, primarily walking and cycling at Campania Bush Reserve.
4. \$500,000 for the Oatlands Destination Playground project including play equipment and associated earthworks and landscaping.
5. \$75,000 for Kempton Town Development project including the upgrade of the heritage clock tower, landscaping and the enhancement of the forecourt at Kempton Memorial Hall.



6. \$230,000 for the Broadmarsh Streetscape project.
7. A further \$500,000 towards the construction of the 6 lane x 25 M Oatlands Indoor Pool which is also being funded by Council and the State Government.
8. \$50,000 for an extension of the Oatland History Rooms Building.
9. \$55,000 for a pedestrian bridge at the Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary, which is very popular with bush walkers, bird watchers and families owing to its proximity to Hobart.

"I congratulate Mayor Alex Green and his team for the compelling case they put to me and I am glad that Deputy Prime Minister and Nationals Leader Michael McCormack has agreed to commit the funding," Senator Martin said.

He said he was concerned about reports the Labor Party was planning to cancel projects like these if it came to power.

"Until Labor changes its tune, the only way to guarantee that these projects go ahead is to vote 1 Nationals," Senator Martin said.

"It is all about our agenda to get a fair share for regional Tasmania and help build stronger local communities."

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