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Council working to fulfil community's vision for Tallangatta

What is Tallangatta Tomorrow?

Tallangatta Tomorrow was a community driven planning project completed in 2012. Through extensive community consultation, key projects were identified to make Tallangatta a vibrant town and community. The plan has led to the delivery of a \$15 million suite of community-initiated projects designed to make the most of the features that make Tallangatta a great place to live and work. Works completed by Council so far include:

- Sandy Creek Rail Bridge reconstruction
- Tallangatta Sports Centre (Rowen Park) upgrade
- Tallangatta Library, Early Years and Community Centre construction
- Tallangatta Bowling Club upgrade
- Lord's Hut relocation
- Tallangatta Lookout redevelopment
- Achieving funding for the Destination Tallangatta project

What is Destination Tallangatta?

Destination Tallangatta is a \$5.3m project, to be delivered with significant Federal Government funding that delivers many of the remaining priority projects identified through Tallangatta Tomorrow, including:

- Traffic management and streetscape beautification works in Towong Street, including the roundabout and intersection works
- Lake Hume foreshore improvements
- A new foreshore playground
- Tallangatta Holiday Park upgrade
- Improved pedestrian links between the Rail Trail, main shopping district, residential areas and foreshore.

Traffic Management Works:

From 22 August 2016 Council will be surveying and setting up a second style of roundabout, having trialed and assessed one design option over the past three months at the eastern end of the triangles.

This new design is available to view by visiting the Tallangatta Council office or on Council's website at www.towong.vic.gov.au

Cr David Wortmann, Towong Shire Council Mayor, says the roundabout on Towong Street, at the east end of the CBD, is one of the priority projects identified by the community under the Tallangatta Tomorrow initiative.

"The people of Tallangatta identified the need for improvements to traffic flow in the planning stages of Tallangatta Tomorrow," Cr Wortmann said.

"Council is responding to community safety concerns by trialing the temporary roundabout in Towong Street as part of new traffic management measures in the CBD.

"We want to ensure that traffic in our main shopping precinct moves efficiently and safely to encourage customers and visitors to stop by, stay a while and support our businesses."

Cr Wortmann said the work, which is part of the Destination Tallangatta project and supported by funding from the Federal Government, aims to slow traffic through the CBD, encourage motorists to drive along the shopping strip and improve car parking.

Beautification works along Towong Street, in conjunction with electricity distributor Ausnet, will include undergrounding power cables and removing the existing power lines.

Cr Wortmann says the design for the roundabout is not set in stone.

"We've already tested one configuration for the roundabout. We will also try out a different design shortly that will remove traffic islands near the roundabout and improve pedestrian links to the foreshore, linking to the new connective footpath along Queen Elizabeth Drive," he says.

"We want to hear from as many people as we can about both designs so that we can come up with the best possible solution to improve traffic flow."

A second intersection design is already being trialed at the western end of the triangles. The final design will be determined based on feedback on both options.

Cr Wortmann encouraged community members to give provide feedback via the Tallangatta Council office, either by calling 02 6071 5100 or dropping in during business hours to speak with Technical Services staff.