

Bookham for Everyone: Safe, Walkable, Welcoming

Bookham Community Association

Yass Valley Council

Funding requested: **Phase 1:** \$143,229.63 | **Phase 2:** \$290,823.50 | **Phase 3:** \$248,390.38

Summary: The “Bookham for Everyone: Safe, Walkable, Welcoming” project proposes a staged upgrade of Bookham’s main thoroughfare to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and community amenity. Guided by the Yass Valley Council’s masterplan and developed in close consultation with the community, the project focuses on the most frequently used section of the village’s central street. It includes new footpaths, a formal pedestrian crossing, stormwater management improvements and landscaping to create a more attractive and functional public space. The project is divided into three phases:

Phase 1: Conroy Street Corner Upgrade

Phase 2: Fagan Drive Upgrade

Phase 3: Family and Pet-Friendly Picnic Area

These upgrades will support safer movement for residents and visitors, enhance access to key facilities, and create a welcoming rest stop for travellers. The project will be delivered in partnership with Yass Valley Council and local contractors, with all assets to be maintained by Council post-completion.

Community value: This project will deliver wide-ranging community benefits across five HumeLink priority areas. It will improve community connection by making Bookham safer and more accessible for pedestrians of all ages and abilities, encouraging social interaction and reducing isolation. Through a landscaped cultural garden, it will honour the Ngunnawal people and promote Care for Country, incorporating native plants and traditional knowledge. The garden and playground precinct will support local education and skills development, offering nature-based learning and intergenerational engagement. The upgrades will also stimulate local industry development by increasing foot traffic to small businesses, enhancing tourism appeal and supporting rural enterprise. Finally, the project creates a lasting social legacy through permanent, inclusive infrastructure that reflects community values and promotes health, wellbeing and village pride.



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