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COUNCIL TO KICK GOALS WITH BIG HOLES



Photo: Mayor Kay Rasheed and Big Holes Pty Ltd Director Stephen Gibbons shake hands on the milestone contract.

The Kingston community and its many visitors are a step closer to 'greener, safer & more accessible' main streets with the contract awarded to deliver the \$1.671m upgrade project.

The contract has been awarded to local contractor Big Holes Pty Ltd (trading as South East Excavations) from Robe.

Mayor Kay Rasheed said that Council was investing in its three main streets to create a unified precinct that provides accessibility for people of all ages and levels of mobility.

"Widened footpaths, improved cross-overs, capacity for alfresco dining and landscaping will create a vibrant and inviting area for tourists and locals alike and will create opportunities for increased tourism, economic growth and place activation activities," Mayor Rasheed said.

"This is a milestone decision that will see significant economic benefit to many local businesses and sub-contractors, and we are delighted that a South East company has been chosen as the preferred tenderer".

In accepting the contract, Director Stephen Gibbons said he was very excited to be offered the project and looked forward to working with the Kingston Council.

"I am looking forward to getting started just so I can see the finished product and know we've been part of something that will bring great benefits to the Kingston community".

"This is the largest project we have taken on and we are committed to providing the community with a quality outcome. We are primarily using local suppliers and contractors, so not only is this outcome good for our company and employees, a wide range of others will benefit from Council's decision to award a local contractor."

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Work on the stormwater component of the project will begin early in the new year and expected to be completed by March 2020.

The remainder of the project, which will predominantly see paving modification, protuberances, new kerbing, street furniture and landscaping work, will commence when school returns for the second term in April 2020.

The project is funded by the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund, the State Government through People for Places and Regional Growth Fund and Local Government.



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