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BLACK Spot Funding for Port Stephens’ roads has been allocated by the Australian Government announcing it will invest over \$2.1M toward six projects under the 2021–22 Black Spot Program.

Port Stephens has been successful in gaining funding for four crucial areas.

\$350,000 has been allocated in Nelson Bay for Beach Road Victoria Parade: to install kerb improvements, a raised pedestrian crossing, High Pedestrian Activity Area with traffic calming and intersection and/or pedestrian crossing improvements.

There is a further \$440,000 in Nelson Bay for Stockton Street, Donald Street, Yacaaba Street Magnus Street, Lamen Street and Government Road to install a High Pedestrian Activity Area with traffic calming, and improve road geometry.

There is a further \$770,000 in Nelson Bay for Gan Gan Road Nelson Bay Road which will improve the safety of the intersections, improve the shoulder and road geometry and remove sight distance problems at Gan Gan Road intersection.

Campvale has a gain of

\$345,000 for Medowie Road near Richardson Road to reduce the speed limit by 20 km/h, and improve road geometry at the existing roundabout .

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce announced New South Wales would receive \$34.4 million in 2021–22 under the latest round of program funding, with Local and State Governments contributing a further \$2.5 million to the successful projects.

Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region, Hollie Hughes, said “Road crashes place major emotional and economic strains on all affected communities but particularly the families and friends of the victims.

“I am pleased to see these six important projects in the Hunter Region will be delivered under the 2021–22 funding round.”

“None of these projects would be delivered without the community’s vital input and I encourage all residents and motorists in the region to nominate projects for future funding rounds.”

The Deputy Prime Minister said, “By specifically targeting road locations with a history or risk of crashes for safety upgrades such as lighting, signage, traffic lights and roundabouts, the Black Spot Program reduces crashes causing injury and death at those sites by around 30 per cent.”

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz said the 97 Black Spot projects across New South Wales would make an important contribution towards reducing serious injuries and deaths in NSW and built on previous investments in the state.

“This new funding will see total investment through the Black Spot Program in NSW rise to \$292.2 million, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to improving road safety.”

The Australian Government has committed a record \$1.1 billion to the Black Spot Program from 2013–14 to 2023–24 to improve road safety across the nation.