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**Withers – working together to make it happen**

It’s all happening in Withers with almost $360,000 worth of projects being given the go-ahead by the Withers Advisory Committee.

Two of the biggest spends include the footpath construction for Devonshire Street and Littlefair Drive as well as a new section of pathway connecting Whitely Place with the existing footpath behind the library.

Both upgrades were identified in the Withers Action Plan.

Solar lights will soon be installed as part of the public-access way lighting project while several new bus shelters have been earmarked for the suburb.

Ten thousand dollars has been committed to cap the gas line which runs through the laneway from Whitely Place to Hudson Road paving the way for the lane to be closed permanently subject to public consultation. The closure of this particular lane was identified as the highest priority in the Withers Action Plan.

The upgrade of Moriarty and DC Foster Parks was also given the green light by the committee.

Councillor and Withers Advisory Committee member James Hayward said the community had asked to see positive change and he was happy the committee was able to start ticking items off the list.

“Work in Withers has been stalled for far too long, it is pleasing to be working collaboratively with the community and actually deliver works on the ground,” Cr Hayward said.

Other positive changes in Withers include the development of a community kitchen and water-wise garden at the Withers Library. This innovative project is in partnership with the City of Bunbury, South West Development Commission and local community.

The committee has also been discussing the installation of CCTV in the area – a matter which was deferred at the most recent committee meeting on Friday 14 February.

Four laneways have been advertised for closure in Withers and the City of Bunbury is currently calling upon the public for submissions. A letter box drop of about 300 residences, advertising through City Focus,
website and Facebook to enable the community to comment on the proposal began in late January with the consultation period ending on March 12.

As part of the consultation process a public meeting has been scheduled for February 27 at the Hudson Family Centre. Withers residents are invited to attend. The meeting will kick off at 5pm.

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