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RDA welcomes investment in local infrastructure

The region will receive a much needed employment boost after the Federal Government allocated funding to upgrade seven local bridges, according to Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland.

Councils in Townsville, Boulia, Charters Towers, McKinlay and on Palm Island will share in funding of more than three million dollars under the Bridge's Renewal Program.

Projects in the RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Region were valued at \$6,260,304 with a \$3,130,152 federal contribution.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner says the region continues to punch above its weight.

“Almost one in five (18%) of the successful applications across Queensland have come from North and West communities,” Ms Schuntner said.

“These projects are of a scale which can quickly be mobilised and will be a welcome boost to the local economies.

“RDA is pleased to have assisted in the process of promoting these funding opportunities to councils and provide support to councils that sought our advice to make stronger applications.”

Please find a full list of projects on page 2.

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Bridges Renewal Programme - Round Two - Successful Projects in RDATNWQ region

Council Name	Project Name	Project Description	Federal contribution	Total Project Cost
Townsville City Council	Rollingstone Bridge	Upgrade closed bridge with new superstructure	\$680,000	\$1,360,000
Boulia Shire Council	Georgina River Bridge, Donohue Highway, Boulia	Upgrade one lane concrete bridge and approaches to current standards.	\$41,000	\$82,000
	Wills River Bridge and Double Creek Bridge, Selwyn Rd, Boulia	Upgrade a one lane concrete bridge on Wills River Crossing and a one lane culvert on Double Creek Crossing	\$126,500	\$253,000
Charters Towers Regional Council	Reedybrook Creek Bridge, Valley of Lagoons Road, Greenvale	Replace a one lane grid bridge with strengthened one lane concrete bridge	\$95,500	\$191,000
	Eight Mile Creek Bridge, Gregory Springs Rd, Pentland	Replace one lane grid bridge with strengthened one lane concrete bridge	\$200,000	\$400,000
McKinlay Shire Council	Punchbowl Rd Bridge Julia Creek	Replace one lane culvert with a one lane concrete bridge and realign road	\$1,771,152	\$3,542,304
Palm Island Aboriginal Council	Sandy Boyd Creek Bridge, Main Road, Palm Island	Upgrade width, strength and safety of existing bridge	\$216,000	\$432,000

