

# Rainbow Road to become a reality

by Bob Dooley

After years of planning, Stage 1 of Nimbin's Rainbow Road walking track is set to be constructed, following a grant of \$2,546,640 under Round 2 of the NSW and Australian governments' Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund.

The 1.1km section of the walking track will support community resilience and economic recovery through the delivery of a high-quality tourism product that encapsulates Nimbin's vision for a high-quality, nature-based tourism destination.

Under the NSW BLER package, joint funding totalling over \$500 million has been allocated, with \$283 million committed to 195 community-led projects in Round 2.

Lismore MP Janelle Saffin has welcomed the funding, which amounts to \$15,873,835 in the Tenterfield, Kyogle, Lismore and Tweed local

government areas within the Lismore electorate.

"Many of these diverse projects are ones which I have lobbied for or backed in since the 2019 bushfires had a devastating impact on residents and businesses," she said.

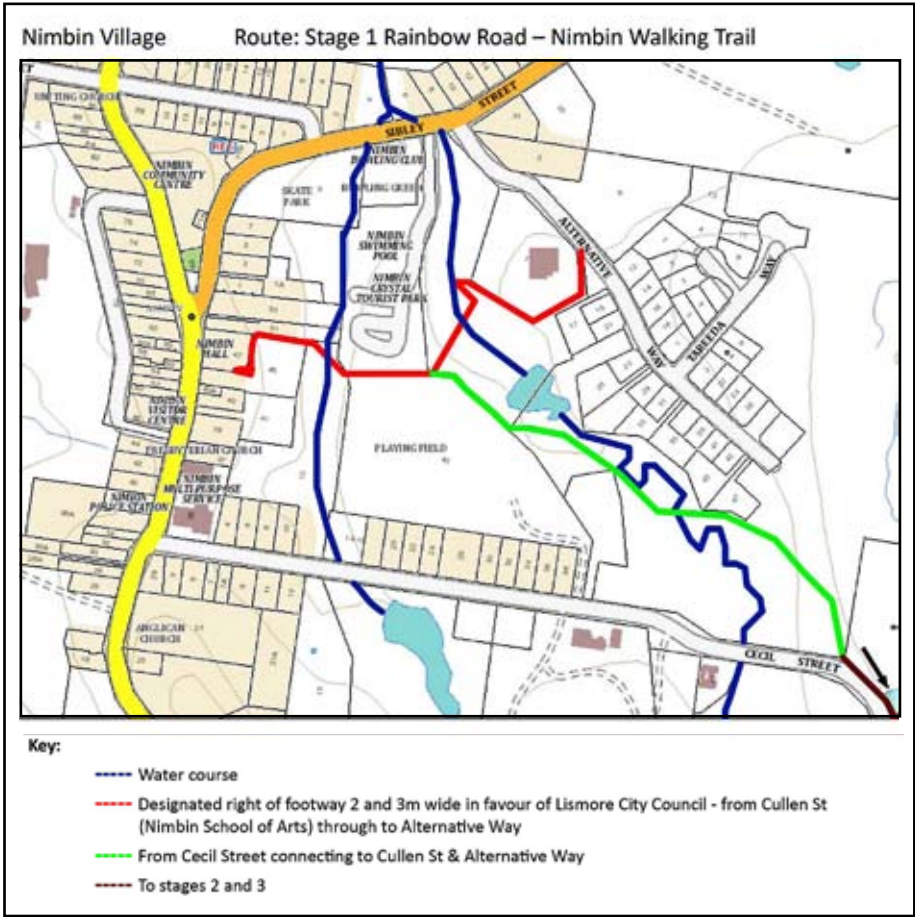
The walking track will complement existing infrastructure, linking to Nimbin's iconic main street, which features heritage murals and colourful street life.

The walk will showcase village culture and stunning

natural landscapes.

Thanks is due to Lois Kelly, Diana Roberts and Will Poulson for all their work over the years in pushing for this project.

Lois Kelly said, "The long fight by the Nimbin community is finally rewarded. It will be great for not only the tourists but also the locals who will be able to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. It is such a special place."





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