

# Roads Committee Meeting Agenda

Hillston District Office

**Tuesday 16 April 2024 commencing 9.30 am**



Whole Council, General Manager Rick Warren, Director Corporate & Community Services Robert Rayner, Director Infrastructure Barry Heins, Project Engineer Will Barr.

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. R2R – Projects 2024-2025
4. Repair Program – Projects and Regional Roads
5. Local Roads Capital
6. Local Roads Maintenance
7. Flood Damage Restoration
8. Regional Emergency Road Repair Funding
9. General Business
10. Next Meeting – 15 April 2025 (To be Confirmed)
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### **3. Roads to Recovery (R2R) – 2023-2024 Projects**

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Author: General Manager

Purpose: R2R Funding

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2023/2024 was the final year of the current program. Council allocated the balance of the program \$212,471 towards the resheeting of Euratha Road. This project was completed in March 2024 with all funds fully expended.

The website of the Roads to Recovery Program states the program will continue from 1 July 2024 under another five-year program with increased funding as advised in November 2023. The Media release from the Hon Catherine King, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government issued on the 19 November 2023 states "Roads to Recovery funding will rise gradually from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year.

At this stage nothing has been included in the Roads Committee agenda or plan until such stage more information is known when Council can reconsider and if necessary reprioritise its road program.

#### **Recommendation:**

#### **That Council:**

- 1. note that the Roads to Recovery program is continual from 1 July 2024.**
- 2. reconsider its roads program once the funding amounts under the new 5-year program are available.**

## DRAFT ROADS BUDGET 2024/25

PROGRAM	WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN	ORIGINAL BUDGET	
		INCOME	EXPENDITURE
<b>ROADS TO RECOVERY</b>			
No notification regarding R2R Program			
<b>LRCI Funding</b>			
Roads Component (Bal 1/7/24)		225,000	
<b>LRCI Funding General</b>			
Melbergan East			225,000
		225,000	225,000
<b>REGIONAL ROADS</b>			
Block Grant		1,428,000	
Traffic Facilities		71,000	
Supplementary		151,000	
Repair Program		0	
Repair Program - The Springs Rd (MR368 Hillston)	Construct 4 klm		1,000,000
Construction - mossgiel	Construct 2km		500,000
	Heavy Patches		0
Regional Roads Maintenance	Included in Operational Budget		150,000
<b>Total Regional Roads Program</b>		<b>1,650,000</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>
<b>LOCAL ROADS</b>			
FAGs RoadsComponent		3,150,000	
Transfer to Roads Reserve			2,200,000
Local Roads Maintenance	Included in Operational Budget		950,000
<b>Total Local Roads Program</b>		<b>3,150,000</b>	<b>3,150,000</b>
<b>RERRF over 3 years</b>			
\$6,670,915/3 = \$2,223,638			
Say \$2,200,000 per annum		2,200,000	2,200,000
<b>Flood Restoration Work 2022 Flood</b>			
Balancing Income		4,000,000	
Anticipated Flood Damage Works			4,000,000
		6,200,000	6,200,000
<b>Total Road IncomeExpenditure</b>		<b>11,225,000</b>	<b>11,225,000</b>

#### **4. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Repair Program – Projects & Block Grant**

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Author: General Manager

Purpose: Regional Road Program

Attachment: Regional Roads Maintenance Budget Breakdown

Each year Council is funded by the NSW state government for the maintenance and upkeep of the regional roads within the Local Government Area. The funding must be spent on regional roads and any unspent funding returned to the state government following the end of the financial year.

Council has the following roads classified as Regional Roads:

<b>Regional Road Number</b>	<b>Regional Road Name</b>	<b>Pathway</b>
MR 80	Mossgiel Road	Hillston- Mosgiel
MR 244	Tabbita Lane	Tabbita Lane – Mid Western Highway
MR 321	Rankins Springs Road	Griffith – Mid Western Highway
MR 368	The Springs Road	Rankins Springs – Hillston
MR 371	Rankins Springs Road	Rankins Springs – Lake Cargelligo
MR 501	Lachlan Valley Way	Lake Cargelligo – Kidman Way
MR 501	Lachlan Valley Way	Hillston – Booligal
MR 7606	Tabbita Lane	Tabbita – Carrathool Road

For the purposes of budgeting for 2024/25 funding allocations have been retained at 2023/24 levels.

<b>Item</b>	<b>\$</b>
Block Grant Component	1,428,000
Traffic Facilities	71,000
Supplementary	151,000
Repair Program	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>

In accordance with Councils resolution 0674 from the October 2023 meeting included is 4 kms sealing on the Springs Road and 2 kms sealing on the Mosgiel Road.

Also in keeping with Councils strategy 2.2 kms of seal will see the road sealed past the quarry on the Hillston end of the road with 1.8 km seal proposed from the Rankins Springs end of the road amounting to 4kms of seal on the Springs Road for 2024/25 using regional roads grant funds.

Construct 2.2 km of 7m, 2 coat seal on 9m formation from the Hillston end, and 1.8 kms from the Rankins Springs end of the road using the same method..	The Springs Road MR 368.	\$1,000,000
Construct 2.0 km of 7m, 2 coat seal on 9m formation continuing from the seal in Hillston.	Mossgiel Road MR 80.	\$500,000
Considerable Heavy Patching was undertaken on this road during 2023/24. It would be desirable to continue to undertake these works however unless additional funding is provided or Council redetermines priorities this work will be deferred to future years.	The Springs Road MR 321.	\$0.00

The remainder of the funding \$150,000 to be used for maintenance of all regional roads.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

1. adopt the following program for Regional Roads for 2024/25 consistent with funding provided by the NSW government for Councils regional roads:
    - **The Springs Road (MR 368) Construction:**
      - 2.2 kms from the Hillston end of the road.
      - 1.8 kms from the Rankins Springs end of the road **\$1,000,000**
    - **Mossgiel Road (MR 80) Construction:**
      - 2 kms on the **\$500,000**
    - **Balance of the regional road funding:**
      - be allocated for routine maintenance **\$150,000**
- Total \$1,650,000**

## **5. Local Roads Capital**

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services  
Author: General Manager  
Purpose: To provide information regarding Local Road capital projects

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### **Proposed Projects for Local Roads Capital**

As raised with Council informally during the year the amount of externally funded works, in particular flood damage and the three year Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) is fully utilising Councils resources. Much of the proposed works under the RERRF program will improve the standard of local roads however it will not provide for sealing works. To offset the lack of local road sealing \$2,200,000 has been identified as being able to be transferred to the local road reserve which will allow Council flexibility in future years should external funding not be forthcoming.

#### **Fixing Local Roads (Completed 2023/24)**

All funding has been expended and all projects completed under the above program – required to be finished by 30 June 2024. \$834,250 was funded with Council contributing \$86,762 as required under the funding agreement.

#### **Remote Roads Pilot Program (Completed 2023/24)**

The Mount Grace Road was resheeted under this program. External funding of \$936,000 was provided with Council contribution being \$234,000 sourced from the Local Roads Revenue.

#### **Pothole Repair Program \$896,465**

This program was fully expended and completed in 2023/24. No contribution was required from Council.

#### **Regional and Local Roads Repair Program \$4,760,000**

This program was also completed in 2023/24 with all funds fully expended. Again, no contribution was required of Council.

#### **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding**

Under the above program the following roadworks have been completed:

<b>Road</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Euratha	\$130,000
Melbergen West	\$290,000
Merungi	\$492,000

#### **Camerons Lane**

\$450,000 was allocated to this road, it is anticipated the project will be completed in April 2024.

#### **Melbergen Road – East**

\$232,000 was allocated to this road, the works are programmed to be completed in 2024/25 with a balance of \$225,000 remaining.

The estimated local road reserve at 30/06/2024 is \$6,588,862.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

- 1. note the Local Roads Capital Report and the various funded projects completed during 2023/24.**
- 2. not nominate any further capital projects to be funded by Council during 2024/25.**

**6. Local Roads Maintenance**

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services  
Author: General Manager  
Purpose: To provide information regarding local roads.

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It is estimated Council should receive approximately \$3,150,000 under the road's component of the Financial Assistance Grant. Council has always balanced local road expenditure against this income. It is recommended to Council that it transfer \$2,200,000 to reserve funds leaving \$950,000 for maintenance should it be required. As previously stated there is multiple sources of funding to undertake maintenance activity. If needed staff can report to Council should additional maintenance funds be required and Council should regularly review the various programs to monitor progress and expenditure.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

- 1. note and approve the Local Roads Maintenance program for 2024-2025.**
- 2. transfer \$2,200,000 from the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grant for 2024-2025 to Local Roads Reserve Fund for future use on Council roads.**



## **7. Flood Damage Restoration**

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services  
Author: General Manager  
Purpose: To provide information regarding flood damage restoration.

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At the time of writing this report Council has been approved \$5,488,996 in funding for flood damage restoration following the Natural Disaster Declaration AGRN 1034. There is still approximately \$2.7 million pending approval or otherwise following Councils original claim of \$10,171,368.

Work is progressing on flood restoration and is a priority for the remainder of the year. For the purposes of resource allocation for the 2024/25 year an amount of \$4,000,000 has been identified as the minimum amount that may remain to be undertaken next year. Should this amount increase Council has the ability to either contract out part of this restoration work, contract out part of the Regional Emergency Road Repair Funding (RERRF) or defer part of this work to future years as it is allowed to June 2027 to complete expenditure of the funds.

Should Roads to Recovery funding become available and depending upon guidelines Council may have to revisit the timing of its various roadworks. However with the correct known funding the program for 2024/25 is mostly achievable with current resources of Council.

### **Recommendation:**

#### **That Council:**

- 1. note the status of the 2024/25 Flood Damage Restoration funding.**
- 2. request a full report on all flood damage approvals and program be provided to the May 2024 meeting of Council.**

## **8. Regional Emergency Road Repair Funding (RERRF)**

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To provide information regarding Regional Emergency Road Repair Funding.

At the February 2024 Council meeting, Council adopted a draft program for 2024/25 utilising funding available under the RERRF. At that time the general expenditure proposed was \$2,200,000.

The attached works schedule has been refined and is provided for Council information.

<b>PROPOSED REGIONAL EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR FUND PROGRAM 2024/25 (Year One)</b>		
<b>ROAD</b>	<b>WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN</b>	<b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURE</b>
Lowlands Road	Gravel Resheet 10.5 km - (from Wee Elwah intersection)	345,000
Back Hillston Road	Gravel Resheet 5 km - (from Bunda Rd to MR 368)	164,000
Ilkadoon Road	Gravel Resheet - 7.5km	246,000
Greenhills Road	Gravel Resheet - 7.5km	245,000
	<b>TOTAL GRAVEL RESHEETING</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
Cowper Street	Reseal 25,200 m2	202,000
Melbergen Road	Reseal 4,240 m2	34,000
Tabitta Lane	Reseal 5,478 m2	90,000
Rankins Springs Road (MR321)	Reseals 9,312 m2	74,000
	<b>TOTAL RESEALS</b>	<b>400,000</b>
Wollarma Road	Formation Grading - 9.5 km	20,000
Billings Road	Formation Grading - 9.85 km	20,000
Burchers Road	Formation Grading - 7.69 km	20,000
Wells Road	Formation Grading - 9.5 km	20,000
Back Hillston Road	Formation Grading 30.24km	60,000
Swansons Road	Formation Grading - 3.44 km	10,000
Wallanthery Road	Formation Grading - 10 km	20,000
Prestage Road	Formation Grading - 6.05 km	15,000
Schneiders Road	Formation Grading - 4.16 km	10,000
Mossgiel Road	Formation Grading 49km	95,000
Lachlan Valley Way	Formation Grading 31km	60,000
The Springs Road	Formation Grading 26km	50,000
Local Roads as required	Formation Grading Maintenance	200,000
Local Roads as required	Road Reshaping	200,000
	<b>TOTAL FORMATION GRADING</b>	<b>800,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL RERRF PROGRAM 2024/25</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>

### **Recommendation:**

**That Council adopt the program for the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund for 2024/2025.**

**9. General Business**

**10. Next Meeting – 15 April 2025 (To be confirmed)**

**11. Closure**

The meeting closed at