

Two major road works packages unveiled for Wagga Wagga

Wagga Wagga City Council has announced a program of major civil works worth a total of almost \$5.5 million, for the repair, rehabilitation and renewal of several key connector and heavily used roads in the local government area.

At its Ordinary Meeting on Monday night, 20 November, Council accepted a \$4.5 million offer from Complete Road Seal (CRS) for the rehabilitation of 13 road segments within Wagga Wagga.

The works will include sections of Koorungal Road, Copland Street, Morgan Street, Forsyth Street and Johnston Street, as well as the length of Church Street and Cross Street.

It adds to a \$1 million contract already approved to contractors Fulton Hogan for a separate package for works, funded under the NSW Government's Regional and Local Roads Repair Program.

This will include rehabilitating part of Boorooma Street and Arnott Street in Ashmont, as well as road repairs on McNickle Road, O'Briens Creek Road and Oxley Bridge Road.

Director Infrastructure Services Warren Faulkner said the works will go some way towards addressing the backlog of works outlined in a comprehensive report to Councillors in November last year on the status of the Wagga Wagga road network.

"The roads included in these two packages were prioritised for rehabilitation and renewal in the 2023-2024 financial year as part of Council's longer term asset management plan," Mr Faulkner said.

"Through the geotechnical investigations phase of our three-year planning and delivery cycle, we've identified most of the poor sections of road.

"This program of civil works will renew and improve these roads to make them safer and improve the drive quality for the travelling public."

The Koorungal Road upgrade project will finally be completed as part of the \$4.5 million dollar CRS package.

The work will be carried out in four sections of works: Lake Albert Road to Plumpton Road; Fay Avenue to Vincent Road; Simkin Crescent south for 300 metres; and Marshalls Creek Bridge to the Sturt Highway.

"Contractors will also be rehabilitating Boorooma Street between the roundabouts at Messenger Avenue and Farrer Road, with an interim fix to remove the patchwork quilt of repairs to potholes," Mr Faulkner said.

“The temporary seal will provide a smoother and safer road surface until a full upgrade of the street is carried out as part of the Northern Growth Area Contributions plan.”

A schedule of works for the two packages will be developed once the contracts have been finalised.

The program of works is being funded by Council, the NSW Government through its Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund and the Australian Government through its Roads to Recovery Program.

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About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of more than \$236M.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as ‘the City of Good Sports’.

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