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## Night works set to start on Kooringal Road reconstruction

Wagga Wagga motorists and local residents are advised that night works will start this week, weather permitting, on the reconstruction of three sections of Kooringal Road, which is being undertaken as part of the ongoing project to upgrade the busy thoroughfare.

These works are scheduled to start today, 23 September, from 6pm, at the northern end of Kooringal Road, near the intersection with Hammond Avenue to just north of Marshalls Creek Bridge.

It will be followed by further night works on a 200-metre stretch south of Simkin Crescent, and then the section between Fay Avenue and Vincent Road.

Wagga Wagga City Council's Director Infrastructure Services Henry Pavitt said the upgrades will be carried out by contractors Complete Road Seal (CRS), who are undertaking a major package of works across the city during 2024.

"The night works on all three sections of Kooringal Road will involve removing the existing pavement by milling it out and replacing it with a new thick layer of asphalt at the base, with a 50mm wearing course on the surface," Mr Pavitt said.

"The process is similar to the improvements carried out on the rehabilitation of Dobney Avenue and Pearson Street in 2022.

"This new asphalt mix will deliver a stronger road pavement that will be able to better carry the anticipated higher volume of traffic expected on this road over the next 20 years.

"More immediately, the result will be an improved surface that is safer and will improve the drive quality for the travelling public."

The reconstruction works will take place between 6pm and 6am.

The first section to the highway will not be under full road closure but will be under traffic control. However, the road will be closed to through traffic during the night works on sections two and three (Simkin Crescent, Fay Avenue – Vincent Road).

Detours will be in place. Local traffic and residents will maintain access but should expect delays.

Once the base course has been completed on all three sections, the wearing course (pavement surface) will be applied, with the work expected to be carried out in early October.

"We are undertaking these works at night in an effort to not only minimise inconvenience to road users and surrounding residents, but also for the safety of construction staff working on the site." Mr Pavitt said.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause and appreciate the patience of residents and road users.

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"The three phases of works are expected to take around three weeks to complete; however, given the nature of building roads, the timing of road works constantly changes due to external factors, particularly poor weather conditions, such as rain or thunderstorms."

These improvements are part of a broader package of rehabilitation works, which has already delivered upgrades to the section of Kooringal Road between Plumpton Road and Lake Albert Road, Copland Street, Johnston Street, Church and Cross streets.

Similar works in Forsyth, Berry and Morgan streets are expected to take place later this year.

These upgrades are funded under the State Government's Regional Emergency Road Repair fund, in partnership with Council.

Mobile variable message signs (VMS boards) will be in place to notify motorists of commencement dates and scheduled work times.

To find out more about the various packages of roadworks taking place in our Local Government Area, visit <a href="https://www.haveyoursay.wagga.nsw.gov.au/road-rehabilitation-program">www.haveyoursay.wagga.nsw.gov.au/road-rehabilitation-program</a>

Stay up-to-date about detours, closures and access via <u>livetraffic.com</u>

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## **Media Opportunity:**

**What:** Hear about the reconstruction night works set to get underway tonight as part of Council's road rehabilitation program.

**Who:** Director Infrastructure Services Henry Pavitt. **When:** Monday 23 September 2024 at **12.45pm.** 

Where: Next to the Wollundry Lagoon, near the downstairs entrance to the library.

Contact 6926 9190 or media@wagga.nsw.gov.au

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Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of \$240 million.

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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