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### **Section of CBD to be revitalised with roadworks and footpath upgrades**

A section of Gladstone's city centre will undergo a facelift from this month as Gladstone Regional Council undertakes roadworks and footpath upgrades along Goondoon Street.

The project will involve the removal and replacement of road pavement, median strip and footpaths – one metre in depth – on both sides of Goondoon Street, between Tank and Herbert Streets. Works will commence in stages from Sunday 21 June and are expected to be complete by the end of August.

The \$1.28 million project is jointly funded with the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program contributing \$750,000.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the upgrades are necessary for the long-term repair and redirection of underground water flows adjacent to Goondoon Street.

"These works will bring the road structure back to its full load-bearing capacity and allow safe access to all forms of vehicle traffic," Councillor Burnett said.

"Not only will this revitalisation project provide an aesthetic upgrade to the heart of our city, it will also offer improved safety for pedestrians and motorists, create greater connectivity and improve access to nearby businesses, residences and schools."

Cr Burnett said the works would be undertaken in a manner aiming to minimise community impact.

"Works are generally scheduled to be carried out between 6.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday although some activities impacting directly on nearby properties may be undertaken outside of business hours," Cr Burnett said.

"Works will impact on entry and exit points to businesses, while some sections of footpath will close temporarily with signage in place to direct pedestrians and motorists.

"Council asks that residents and visitors follow directional signage located in the area."

Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd said The Roads to Recovery funding allows councils across the region to progress several high-priority projects, using local knowledge to deliver the best local roads.

"We want to see excavators and diggers in the ground on all sorts of projects right across the nation, especially here in Flynn" Mr O'Dowd said.

"Accelerating local Infrastructure projects is vital for supporting jobs and local economies, more than ever before."

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