

Media Release

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Gravel resheeting program boosted by State and Federal funds

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) will conduct an extensive \$4.9m gravel resheeting program during 2022/23 as part of its Capital Works Program.

Twenty-eight rural roads across the region have been identified for works with four successful in receiving full or partial funding from State or Australian Government funding programs.

General gravel resheeting will occur along Mount Alma Road near Calliope, with GRC and the Queensland Government, through the 2022-23 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), jointly funding the project.

The Davies Road at Captain Creek resheeting project was jointly funded with \$82,254 from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program, and GRC.

The remaining roads – Langmorn Road, Raglan and Taragoola Road, Calliope will receive an estimated \$803,477 through the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program 2022/23.

Gladstone Region Councillor Rick Hansen said resheeting works at Langmorn Road and Taragoola Road will also include safety improvements.

"Works will involve the widening of the road formation around curves and improve alignments, in addition to a new gravel surface," Councillor Hansen said.

"Australia has the largest unsealed road network in the world, and while we'd love to seal every square metre of our road network, that would come at a huge cost to ratepayers.

"That's why external funding programs provided by both the Queensland and Australian Governments are so important because they not only allow for infrastructure improvements within our vast region, but they also save ratepayer dollars."

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