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Road Renewal Program Delivers Strong Results Across the Region

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Residents across the Light region are benefiting from significant investment in the local road network, with Council completing an extensive program of road renewal and maintenance during May as part of its ongoing commitment to providing safe, reliable and accessible roads.

More than **154 kilometres of unsealed roads** were graded during the month, while numerous capital renewal projects, including resealing, road re-sheeting and road upgrades—were completed across the region.

The works form part of Council's ongoing **Road Asset Renewal and Maintenance Program**, which combines long-term infrastructure renewal with routine maintenance to improve safety, connectivity and the longevity of the road network.

Several major road renewal projects were completed during the month, including works on **Wasleys Road, Nain Road, Dunkley Road, Pipeline Road, Sturt Road and Carrara Hill Road,** while sealed road renewals were also finalised across **Kapunda, Greenock and Gawler Belt**. Additional projects remain underway, ensuring continued investment in the region's transport infrastructure.

Light Regional Council **CEO Darryl Whicker** said the breadth of works reflects Council's commitment to maintaining one of the region's largest and most valuable community assets.

"Our road network is essential to the daily lives of residents, local businesses, emergency services and the agricultural sector. Investing in its renewal and maintenance helps keep our communities connected while ensuring Council assets continue to perform well into the future."

The maintenance grading program also made the most of ideal autumn conditions, with favourable soil moisture allowing graders to achieve improved compaction and a higher-quality finish. To maximise these conditions, Council approved **extended operating hours and weekend works**, enabling crews to complete a greater proportion of the annual maintenance program while conditions were at their best.

Council operates **two patrol graders** to maintain approximately **1,200 kilometres of unsealed roads each year.** Grading priorities are adjusted seasonally to achieve the best outcomes for road users, with higher-class roads addressed during wetter months and dry-weather farming access roads maintained during drier periods.

Mayor Bill Close said the road improvements are about more than infrastructure, they are about strengthening connections between people and communities across the region.

"These projects are a great example of Council's commitment to ensuring the needs of our communities continue to come to light through practical investment in the infrastructure people rely on every day," Mayor Bill said.

"Whether it's residents travelling to work, farmers accessing their properties, children getting to school or visitors exploring our towns, **quality roads help keep our communities connected.** Every improvement we make is an investment in the people **who live, work and belong here**."

The Road Asset Renewal and Maintenance Program continues throughout the year, with additional projects scheduled as part of Council's ongoing investment in maintaining a safe, resilient and efficient transport network for the community.

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