

Media Release

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CLIFTON SPRINGS KICKS OFF SAFE ROADS PROGRAM

Clifton Springs will soon be home to a new roundabout thanks to the Allan Labor Government's *Safe Roads and Streets Program*, with works now underway.

The Clifton Springs project is the first cab off the rank for the \$210 million program, which supports local governments state-wide to deliver road safety projects on local roads.

The City of Greater Geelong identified Bay Shore Avenue and Jetty Road in Clifton Springs as priority areas for upgrades.

Crews are on the ground to build a roundabout featuring raised pedestrian crossings at the site, which is expected to be completed by the middle of the year.

Once the roundabout is complete, a reduced speed limit on the road will be introduced to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.

Local government authorities own and operate 87 per cent of Victoria's roads, and about 40 per cent of road trauma occurs on council-managed roads each year.

Recognising the barriers local governments face in delivering road safety improvements, councils will work closely with the Department of Transport and Planning and the Transport Accident Commission to identify and carry out safer infrastructure upgrades.

The *Safe Local Roads and Streets Program* will run until June 2027, working with every state local government to plan, design and deliver safety improvements on the highest-risk local roads, intersections, and precincts.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"These works mark the beginning of \$210 million worth of projects we're rolling out across the state in partnership with councils to make our roads safer."

Quote attributable to Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant

"Crews are on site right now delivering a new roundabout in Clifton Springs, improving pedestrian and driver safety to ensure it is easier and quicker for all road users travelling through the area."

Quote attributable to City of Greater Geelong Mayor Trent Sullivan

"Upon completion, the new roundabout will contribute to improved traffic flow and enhanced safety for all members of the community."