Media Release

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CLIFTON SPRINGS ROADS AND STREETS NOW SAFER

A busy intersection in Clifton Springs is now safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers following upgrades funded through the Allan Labor Government's Safe Local Roads and Streets Program.

Construction of a roundabout and raised pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Bay Shore Avenue and Jetty Road is now complete and the speed limit has been made safer for drivers and pedestrians.

This project is the first to be completed as part of the Government's \$210 million Safe Local Roads and Streets Program, which partners with councils across Victoria to tackle road safety head-on, especially on high-risk local roads.

Councils are working closely with the Government to identify and carry out safer infrastructure upgrades funded under the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program. The City of Greater Geelong identified Bay Shore Avenue and Jetty Road in Clifton Springs as priority areas for upgrades.

Pedestrians and cyclists are now more visible at the intersection and are given priority to cross, vehicles must travel at a safer speed of 50 km/h.

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.

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

"By partnering with local governments through our \$210 million Safe Roads and Streets Program, we're making sure these projects target the areas that need them most, improving safety in communities right across the state."

Quote attributable to Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant

"We're continuing to invest in road upgrades across Bellarine, including upgrades at this busy intersection in Clifton Springs which will improve safety for our drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, as well as boat users who are entering the harbour."

Quote attributable to City of Greater Geelong Mayor Trent Sullivan

"We're proud to make Bay Shore Avenue and Jetty Road - a very busy area in Clifton Springs - much safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. I appreciate the community's patience while we carried out these essential works during the quietest tourist and boating periods."

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