

Focused On What Matters Most

Victorian Budget 2025/26

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BILLION-DOLLAR *BETTER ROADS BLITZ* TO FIX OUR REGIONAL ROADS

The Allan Labor Government is focused on what matters most – getting regional families and workers home safer and sooner.

The *Victorian Budget 2025/26* will invest a massive \$976 million in a Better Roads Blitz to fix potholes and upgrade road surfaces across Victoria.

Last year, the Labor Government delivered Victoria's biggest single-year investment in road maintenance ever. This year's Budget goes further, with an even bigger single-year investment in road maintenance.

Road maintenance funding delivers:

- the rebuild, repair and resurfacing of arterial roads right across the state, including pothole repair
- maintenance of vital transport infrastructure such as bridges and traffic lights so they are in good condition
- emergency road works in response to callouts from the community
- the mowing, slashing and spraying of grass and weeds along roadsides
- the repair or replacement of thousands of signs

As part of last year's record investment into fixing roads, more than 70 per cent of funding was directed to regional Victoria – delivering important maintenance work in every corner of the state.

Thanks to this investment, more than 183,669 on-road jobs were completed, including major rehabilitation projects, resurfacing projects and pothole repairs. Some 11,000 signs were repaired, and 13,000 signs replaced.

Last year's funding also got key works underway and completed, including:

- In Woodend, crews are almost finished rebuilding a 2.2-kilometre section of Tylden-Woodend Road between Caddys Lane and Maxwell Street
- Rehabilitation works on Mortlake-Ararat Road and the Glenelg Highway are underway and scheduled for completion at the end of May
- Rehabilitation works on Princes Hwy West at Conns Lane are progressing, with completion expected in early June
- Pavement rehabilitation is complete on the Hume Freeway at Beveridge, Monaro Highway (East Gippsland) and Koo Wee Rup – Longwarry Road (Longwarry), providing drivers with stronger, smoother roads
- Pavement rehabilitation works on South Gippsland Highway at Stony Creek are progressing well, with completion scheduled for July, weather permitting
- The rehabilitation project on the Midland Highway at Blampied is complete
- Rehabilitation works on Birchip-Warracknabeal Road are complete
- Patching works on Bendigo-Pyramid Road and McIvor Highway are complete

The Government is also investing \$50 million to undertake important maintenance work on San Remo Bridge – the link to Phillip Island – which ensures residents and the 3.5 million tourists who visit the island each year can get there safer and sooner.

Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"We're focused on what matters most – getting regional families home safer and sooner with our Better Roads Blitz."

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

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“Victoria’s road network connects Victorians to family, school and jobs, and moves millions of tonnes of goods and supplies around the state.”

“We delivered record roads funding last year and this Budget will deliver even more – making our roads more resilient.”

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

“We’re rebuilding, repairing and resurfacing roads right across Macedon – to give locals and visitors safer, smoother and more reliable journeys.”