

Media Release

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ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS COMPLETE ACROSS WESTERN VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is making travelling across the Grampians and regional towns including Ballarat smoother, with a major package of road works now complete across western Victoria.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne today announced all major rehabilitation road projects backed by last year's \$964 million road maintenance blitz have wrapped up across Victoria's west.

The region's busiest roads have been strengthened including the Midland, Sunraysia, Wimmera and Western highways as well as Beaufort-Lexton, Bacchus Marsh-Gisborne and Horsham-Kalkee.

More than 1.5 kilometres of Midland Highway has been upgraded in Elaine near Woolshed Road as well as 800 metres of the Midland Highway in Blampied, near Blampied-Mollonghip Road.

The Midland Highway links Ballarat and Geelong and serves as a key freight route for agricultural industries – while also connecting local commuters to jobs and services.

Various sections of the Western Highway were improved, with rehabilitation works now complete on 2.7 kilometres between Spring Hill Creek and Trawalla Road at Trawalla, one kilometre near Mallee Dam Road at Lawloit and 500 metres near Olinda Street at Beaufort.

Other highways such as the Wimmera and the Sunraysia also had vital works completed as part of the \$964 million road maintenance blitz – which saw 70 per cent go towards regional Victoria.

The *Victorian Budget 2025/26* will invest another massive \$976 million in a Better Roads Blitz to fix potholes and upgrade road surfaces across Victoria, which is the largest single-year investment in road maintenance in the state's history.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We're delighted to reach this major milestone in the historic 2024/2025 road maintenance program, with roads across Western Victoria being improved to ensure our road freight and farming network can continue to move safely and efficiently."

Quotes attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"These crucial works will ensure we can continue to maintain key freight and farming routes and get locals where they need to go, I would like to thank the local community for their patience as we completed these vital works."

Quotes attributable to Member for Eureka Michaela Settle

"More works are coming with the announcement of the Better Roads Blitz, and Victorians will continue to see crews working across the state and in their community."

Quotes attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

"We're rebuilding, repairing and resurfacing roads – to give locals and visitors safer, smoother and more reliable journeys."

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