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Major Funding Boost for Benanee Road Upgrade at Euston

Balranald Shire Council has welcomed confirmation of significant Australian Government multi-million-dollar funding for the sealing and upgrade of Benanee Road at Euston under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

The project will deliver the upgrade and sealing of approximately 15 kilometres of Benanee Road, a key local route used by school buses, residents, agricultural traffic and other local road users.

Works will include construction of new subbase and base pavement layers, application of a bitumen seal, and installation of edge line marking across the full length of the road. Mayor Cr Louie Zaffina said the funding outcome was a major win for the Euston district and the broader Shire.

“This is exactly the type of investment regional councils need, practical funding for roads that are essential to everyday life, economic productivity and community safety,” Cr Zaffina said.

“Benanee Road is relied upon by local families, school transport services, farmers and freight movements. Sealing the road will provide safer and more reliable access in all weather conditions, while reducing dust, maintenance costs and long-term wear.”

Cr Zaffina said the project also demonstrated the value of targeted infrastructure programs that recognise the challenges faced by rural and remote councils.

“Small regional councils simply cannot fund projects of this scale alone. Partnerships with the Australian Government are critical if we are to keep improving infrastructure and supporting our communities.”

Council will now work through final planning and delivery arrangements, with further updates to be provided as the project progresses.

“This is a strong investment in the future of Euston and the surrounding district, and Council looks forward to seeing works commence,” Cr Zaffina said.

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