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LARGEST SOUTHERN MALLEE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DELIVERED DESPITE CHALLENGES

The Southern Mallee District Council has delivered one of its biggest years of infrastructure and capital investment in 2020-21, with the \$7.082million program of works now complete.

This work was delivered despite significant challenges thrown at the Council, and the entire district, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Not only did the last 12 months include construction shut-downs and cross border resourcing restrictions – but also the challenges of sourcing extra labour and skills were significant due to the substantial national infrastructure incentive roll-out.

While a significant portion of this investment was committed to the Pinnaroo CWMS pipework renewal (\$1.7million), and the high-profile Pinnaroo and Lameroo town centre revitalisation projects (\$1.975million) – the team also managed to deliver on roads and footpaths.

A snapshot of other work the Council's infrastructure team delivered from July 2020 to the end of June 2021 includes (but is not limited to):

- \$983,000 (or 26.2 kilometres) of road resheeting;
- \$652,000 of road construction projects;
- \$187,000 for 6 x footpath projects; and
- \$304,000 renewal of the Pinnaroo airstrip

Southern Mallee Council Mayor Jeffrey Nickolls said Council was pleased with its highly efficient works program, and was looking towards a similar effort in 2021-22.

“Last year, our Council committed to a huge infrastructure and assets project plan that would support community safety, investment, industry and economy - and I'm proud that we have delivered on this,” Mayor Nickolls said.

“The outcomes completed by our team, under challenging circumstances, shows the passion, skill and drive from our people to deliver a diverse investment that our whole community benefits from.

“Our staff work incredibly hard to meet deadlines and make things happen, and this exceptional effort needs to be highlighted.

“Now, as we move in to the 2021-22, our team is on track to deliver an almost \$10million infrastructure and capital works program – showing once again the strong investment we continue to attract and deliver on here in the Southern Mallee.”

Council regularly reports on capital works and projects, which assist in monitoring performance and provides transparency. Council will continue to update the community with details on project consultation, milestones and other relevant information.

For a full list of works, visit the Council website www.southernmallee.sa.gov.au

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