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COUNCIL'S ROADS PROGRESS IN 2025-26 FINANCIAL YEAR

Norfolk Island Regional Council is pleased to provide an update of the significant progress Council's Roads Team made during the 2025-26 financial year, delivering major improvements to road conditions and infrastructure across the island.

In the first half of the financial year, the team experienced a number of mechanical failures which temporarily affected operations.

Once these issues were resolved, significant progress was made across road patching, reconstruction and maintenance activities.

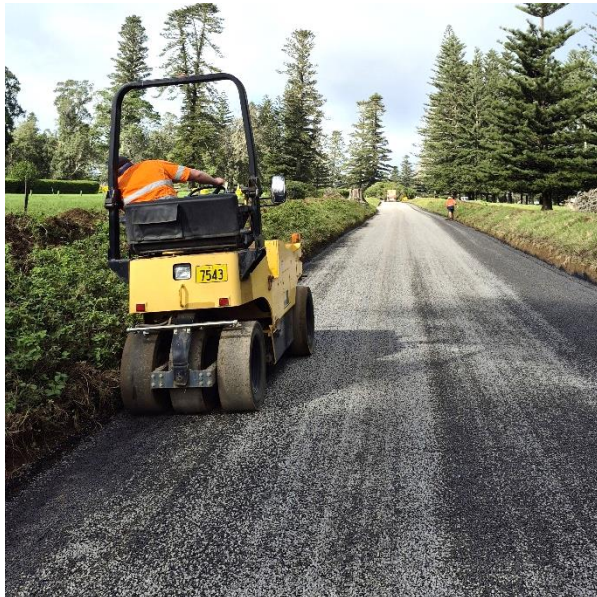
In the last financial year, the team achieved the following:

- 2785 metres of road reconstructed
- 433 metres (approx.) of new kerb and channel
- 530 metres of road resurfaced
- 4575 metres of road tar sealed

Type of works	Description
Roads Reconstruction	These roads were reconstructed: • Calebs Lane • Bumbora Road (Critical segment) • Selwyn Pine Road (Critical segment) • Faye Bataille Drive • Anson Bay Road • Captain Cook Road (Critical segment) Anson Bay Road works will be paused for the wetter winter months, with intention for works to recommence towards November once warmer weather returns.
Roads Resurfaced	Taylor's Road was resurfaced. Ongoing resurfacing works will continue on priority roads that remain structurally sound, but require preventative maintenance to extend their service life and delay the need for full reconstruction. Maintaining a road while it is still in good, serviceable condition is far more efficient and cost effective over the long term than waiting for major deterioration. Early intervention requires significantly less time and fewer resources, while also preserving and extending the life of the road surface.
Roads Tar Sealed	These roads were tar sealed: • Middlegate Road • New Farm Road • Colins Head Road • Mission Road

	• Douglas Drive These works form part of Council's regular road maintenance program and will continue when resourcing capacity allows, deploying lessons learnt from previous sealing works. Tar sealing works play an important role in slowing road deterioration and reducing pothole formation. These smaller maintenance activities also help reduce the number of potholes that develop, which in turn decreases reactive repair work. This allows the Roads Team to focus on the larger, high-priority road reconstruction projects across the island.
Culvert Replacements	The team, alongside contractors, replaced six culvert pipes along Anson Bay Road, some of which required resourcefulness by the team to allow traffic to continue to operate in most instances. One pipe was an emergency repair due to critical failure. From this failure, all older culverts have now been inspected, with approximately 50 identified for staged replacement over the coming years.

Council will continue delivering road maintenance and budgeted renewal projects throughout the 2026-27 financial year, prioritising works that improve safety and value for the community.





Images: Road projects in action during the 2025-26 financial year.

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