

MEDIA RELEASE

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COUNCIL'S ROADS PLAN FOR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

Norfolk Island Regional Council (Council) has outlined the Roads Department's confirmed and aspirational (funding dependent) plans for road asset replacement and maintenance for the 2026-2027 financial year.

The program focuses on preserving and improving the island's road network through a balanced approach of reconstruction, renewal works and routine maintenance, guided by asset condition, safety priorities and available funding.

Funded

- Anson Bay Road: reconstruction works, recommencing once wetter weather subsides.

Subject to external/grant funding

The following projects, to be delivered over three financial years, are subject to external or grant funding being secured:

- New Farm Road (2,400 metres)
Works Required: road reconstruction due to surface and subsurface failure, includes drainage and concreting works to address high volumes of airport stormwater runoff; a major contributing factor in road deterioration along significant lengths of road.
- Captain Cook Road (400 metres)
Works Required: road reconstruction due to surface and subsurface failure, includes drainage and concreting works to address high volumes of stormwater runoff paths merging, originating from Mt Pitt; a major contributing factor in road deterioration at several points along the road.

Currently unfunded

These projects have been identified as priorities but do not currently have committed funding:

- Little Cutters Corn Road (250 metres)
- Potts Farm Road (250 metres)
- The Village (70 metres)
- Prince Phillip Drive (up to 300 metres)
- Selwyn Pine Road, Palm Glen (500 metres), subject to progression by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)
- Culvert replacement (staged over five years) to replace 50 armco culvert pipes identified as high risk of failure.

Operational maintenance

Subject to available operational funding, roads identified for resurfacing in 2026-2027 include JE Road (Police Station to Selwyn Pine Road), Harpers Road and Taylors Road (Channers Corner). Routine maintenance activities such as pothole repairs, drainage upkeep and roadside vegetation management will continue throughout the year.

With key plant now serviced and operating reliably, Council anticipates a reduction in plant downtime compared to the previous financial year, supporting more consistent delivery of the roads program. Any outstanding plant maintenance is intended to be addressed in the coming months.

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