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Nagambie-Locksley Road gets a \$1 million upgrade

Upgrade works have commenced this week on the Nagambie-Locksley Road and the intersection at Nagambie-Locksley and McDonalds Roads.

The works include the construction of an additional left turning lane at the intersection and the pavement rehabilitation of approximately 1.6km of the Nagambie-Locksley Road east of the intersection.

Nagambie-Locksley Road provides a crucial link between the townships of Nagambie, Locksley, Longwood and Euroa, and to the surrounding farming and agricultural land uses.

The works will enable larger vehicles to turn in a separate designated lane and utilise a firm section of road without damaging goods and reduce the likelihood of rear and head on collisions with turning traffic.

The project is funded through a \$500,000 grant from the Victorian Government's *Local Roads to Market Program* and a Strathbogie Shire Council contribution of \$573,275.

The Local Roads to Market Program aims to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of the agriculture sector by upgrading roads, bridges and intersections that are regularly used by large and heavy vehicles.

Mayor Amanda McClaren said upgrading the freight network in the Strathbogie Shire is an area that Council are advocating strongly for and is excited to see these works underway.

"Our economy relies heavily on agriculture, manufacturing and tourism, which are highly dependent on an efficient freight network," Mayor McClaren explained.

"Not only will this upgrade increase the productivity of local industry, it will promote safe travel across the shire and reduces the risk of road accidents."

The project is forecast to be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

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