

South West Regional Roads and Transport Group

◀ Quilpie Adavale Red Road, Quilpie Shire Council

South West RRTG map



10 projects

Total 2023–24 transport infrastructure projects



\$7,260,384

Total Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) 2023–24 allocation

Regional Roads and Transport Group Member Councils

- Balonne Shire Council
- Bulloo Shire Council
- Maranoa Regional Council
- Murweh Shire Council
- Paroo Shire Council
- Quilpie Shire Council
- TMR South West District

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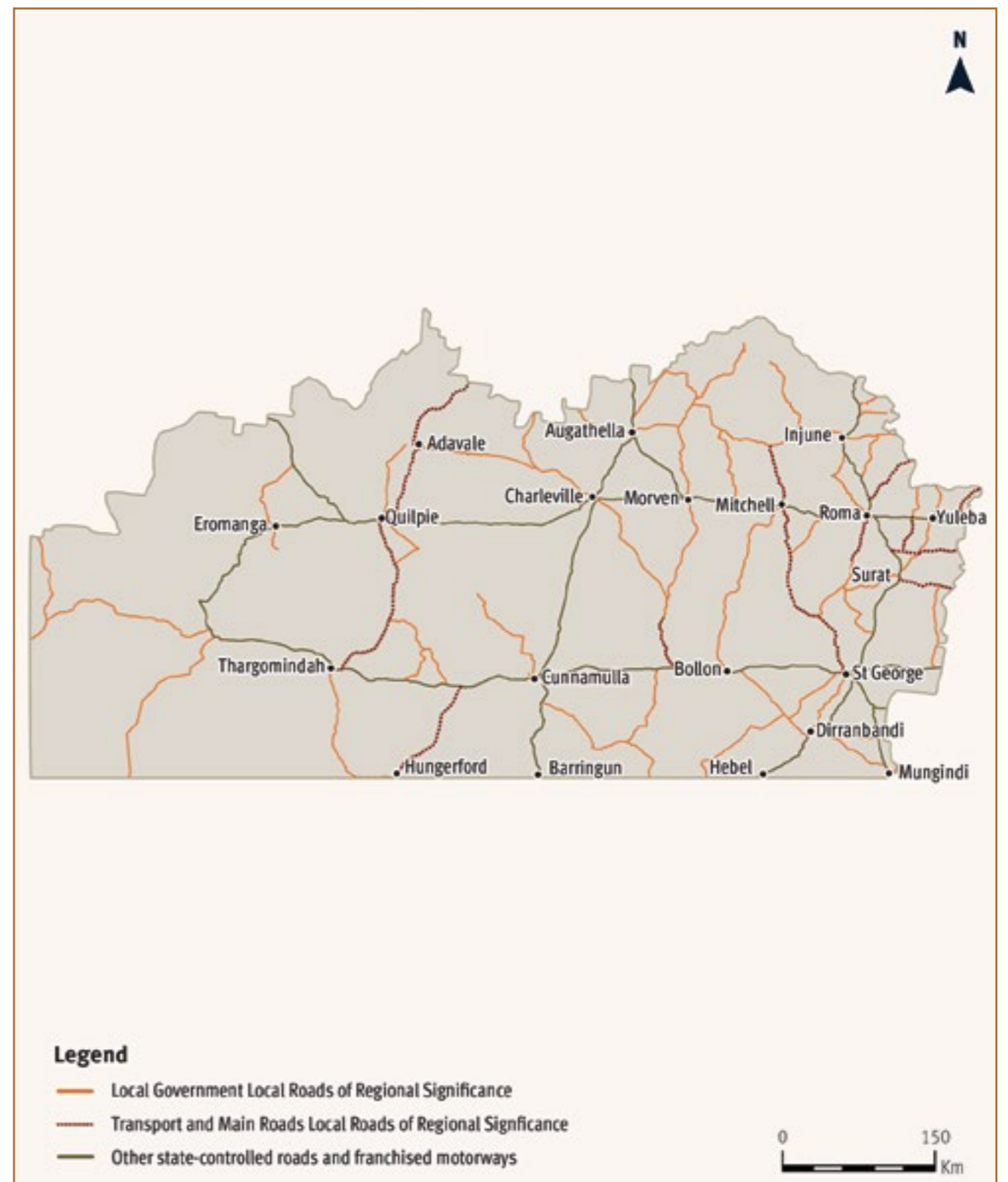
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South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (RRTG) Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) Program Details

The following information lists the RRTG TIDS 2023–24 works program by local government, with the project name and the year-to-date TIDS expenditure.

Balonne Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Jakelwar - Goodooga Road, construct to sealed standard	\$277,202
Whyenbah Road, construct to sealed standard	\$800,000

Bulloo Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Quilpie - Thargomindah Road (Thargomindah), various locations, construct to sealed standard	\$1,077,201

Maranoa Regional Council

Project name	Expenditure
Bollon Road, construct to sealed standard	\$1,735,702
South West RRTG, capability and technical support	\$138,673

Murweh Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Mount Tabor Road, construct to sealed standard	\$907,658

Paroo Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Eulo - Toompine Road, reseal bitumen	\$150,000
Jobs Gate Road, rehabilitate pavement	\$903,616
Jobs Gate Road, reseal bitumen	\$23,586

Quilpie Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Quilpie - Adavale Road, various locations, upgrade seal and floodways	\$1,246,746

Project Story

Bulloo Shire Council, Quilpie Thargomindah Road – Bitumen seal

Submitted by Bulloo Shire Council.

This financial year Bulloo Shire Council has continued bitumen sealing along the Quilpie Thargomindah Road with an additional five kilometres of the road now sealed. Thanks to the TIDS contribution.

This project reduces the amount of gravel road between the towns of Quilpie and Thargomindah which in turn greatly improves the safety of all travellers, from locals and truck drivers to tourists.

The council appreciates funding provided through the TIDS program as it ensures important projects that improve the safety of regional roads can be achieved.



Quilpie Thargomindah Road, Bulloo Shire Council - prepared for sealing

First seal of Quilpie Thargomindah Road, Bulloo Shire Council



Project Story

Balonne Shire Council, Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North – Upgrade to dual lane sealed road

Submitted by Balonne Shire Council.

An upgrade of four kilometers of unsealed road on Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North to dual lane sealed road was completed in November 2023, with final bitumen seal completed on the 15 May 2024. The project cost \$554,404 with the Queensland Government contributing \$277,202 through the TIDS program and the balance of \$277,202 by Balonne Shire Council.

The work includes pavement stabilisation and bitumen sealing.

Balonne Shire Council would like to thank residents for their patience and cooperation while the works were underway.

The upgrade of the Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North unsealed section to sealed has the following benefits:

- It will improve road safety by eliminating dust kicked up by heavy vehicles, therefore removing the risk of accidents caused by poor visibility.
- It will become a tourism route between St George and Dirranbandi, following the river, increasing tourism to the township of Dirranbandi.
- The road will become an all-weather road, allowing better property access during wet weather. It will also improve access between residents of Dirranbandi and St George by providing direct route between the two townships.
- It will provide a safe and all-weather route for heavy vehicles to transit between Dirranbandi and St George.



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Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North, Balonne Shire Council - completed



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Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North, Balonne Shire Council - during upgrade

Project Story

Balonne Shire Council, Whyenbah Road – Upgrade to dual lane sealed road

Submitted by Balonne Shire Council.

A major upgrade of 13.7km of unsealed road to dual lane sealed road was completed in late June 2024, with contractors laying bitumen seal on 20 June and 21 June. The project cost approximately \$2.2 million, with funding from the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery program and by the Queensland Government through the TIDS program, and Balonne Shire Council.

The works included pavement stabilisation, bitumen sealing, installing reinforced concrete pipes, reinforced concrete box culverts replacement, and installation of signage.

Balonne Shire Council would like to thank residents for their patience and cooperation while the works were underway.

The upgrade of the Whyenbah Road unsealed section to sealed will have the following benefits:

- It will improve road safety by eliminating dust kicked up by heavy vehicles, therefore removing the risk of accidents caused by reduced visibility.
- It will become a tourism route between St George and Dirranbandi, following the river, increasing tourism to township of Dirranbandi.
- The road will become an all-weather road, allowing better property access during wet weather. It will also improve access between residents of Dirranbandi and St George by providing a direct route between the two townships.

Whyenbah Road, Balonne Shire Council ▶



Whyenbah Road, Balonne Shire Council ▲

- It will provide a safe and all-weather route for heavy vehicles to transit between Dirranbandi and St George. It will provide a more direct route between the two townships which is 17km shorter than taking Castlereagh Highway, which makes heavy vehicle transport more efficient.



Project Story

Maranoa Regional Council, Bollon Road – Bitumen extension

Submitted by Maranoa Regional Council.

Bollon Road is categorised as a Local Road of Regional Significance with a total length of 207km and connecting the townships of Mitchell (Maranoa Region) and Bollon (Balonne Shire).

The beef cattle industry is the highest employer of people in the Mitchell area, for which Bollon Road is a key access to the beef cattle country to the south and southwest of Mitchell.

The Maranoa Region manages 187km of the Bollon Road, with 72km currently bitumen sealed (widths varying from four to seven metres) with the remaining 115km to varying degrees of gravel standard.

The first package of works commenced in 2023–24 with a 5.7km upgrade from the end of the existing bitumen, with a further 14.3km proposed for delivery as two more packages in 2024–25. The Bollon Road bitumen extension incorporates a substantial visibility upgrade to the Gunnawarra Road intersection and in total will provide an additional 20km of pavement traversable by heavy vehicles in all weather conditions. It will also link up with a previously upgraded 5.9km bitumen section of the Gunnawarra Road, further opening country to the southwest.

The scope of works for the first package included:

- substantial upgrade to horizontal and vertical alignments to achieve significant sight distance improvements
- heavy cut-to-fill earthworks reduced three existing jump-ups (flat top hills) by up to four metres vertically, while the Gunnawarra intersection was bought down by 1.5m



Bollon Road, Maranoa Regional Council - during construction

- all pavement materials for the upgrades have been won from the cuttings and crushed onsite
- several floodway and drainage structure upgrades.

The project is funded through the 2023–24 state government TIDS program, with a contribution of approximately \$1.736 million matched by Maranoa Regional Council, and \$12 million from the Australian Government's Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program.

Aerial view of Bollon Road, Maranoa Regional Council



Project Story

Murweh Shire Council, Mt Tabor Road – Pavement works and sealing

Submitted by Murweh Shire Council.

Murweh Shire Council completed ten kilometres of pavement works and sealing on the Mt Tabor Road (east of Augathella) in April 2024.

This project increased the resilience of the local transport network by minimising the impact of heavy vehicles, primarily road trains carting cattle, following minor rainfall events.



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Sealing of Mt Tabor Road, Murweh Shire Council

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Mt Tabor Road, Murweh Shire Council - completed



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Quilpie Adavale Red Road, Quilpie Shire Council - during construction



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Quilpie Adavale Red Road, Quilpie Shire Council

Project Story

Quilpie Shire Council, Quilpie Adavale Red Road – Construct and bitumen seal

Submitted by Quilpie Shire Council.

Quilpie Shire Council continued its program to completely seal the Quilpie Adavale Red Road with a total of 7.5km completed as of 15 March 2024.

Since 1 July 2019, the program has sealed a total of 32.35km of an existing red loam gravel road to bitumen standard, seven metres wide. There is only 6.8km remaining to be sealed before

the entire road between Quilpie and Adavale is completed.

This project enables the residents of the village of Adavale and the surrounding area to have all-weather access to Quilpie. The sealing of the road also provides better opportunities for tourism and transport.

Council and TMR have collaboratively used TIDS, re-sheeting funds and council capital funds to ensure the completion of this vital link.

Project Story

Paroo Shire Council, Jobs Gate Road – New pavement and seal

Submitted by Paroo Shire Council.

The Jobs Gate Road is an important route for the Paroo Shire as it services a large area to the southeast of Cunnamulla which covers some of the best grazing land in the region. The road is a connector road for vehicles coming from both Brewarrina and Walgett in northern New South Wales (NSW), as well as traffic heading northeast from the Mitchell Highway. The local horse racing facility is also served by the road.

While the main industries in the shire are sheep and cattle farming, there is also local logging company and a growing tourist caravan market developing in the Paroo area. The neighbouring NSW shire is extending the seal pavement north to the Queensland border, and it is envisioned these projects will increase through traffic in the long-term.

As part of our TIDS funding this year, Paroo Shire Council continued the extension of the seal pavement on Jobs Gate Road. The project called for a new eight kilometre, 150mm thick, seven-metre-wide unbound gravel pavement with a two-coat bitumen seal, mixed into the existing pavement. There were also five floodways to be installed to improve drainage along the route.



Jobs Gate Road, Paroo Shire Council - mixing of gravel prior to pavement



Gravel material was locally sourced from several pits 40km from the site. Local contractors contributed to winning the material. Other contractors assisted council crews in delivering the material to site which highlighted a good example of cooperation and management between the different parties.

Unfortunately, a very wet summer delayed the project constantly throughout the construction phase with crews stood down to allow the site to dry out.

This did put pressure on the budget with a slight overrun of costs for that part of the project. Council set up a nearby work camp for the project which improved efficiency with a reduction in travelling time to the site.

Council had two staff operating the machinery as part of its ongoing effort to train the road crews, which will allow



for a more proficient workforce in the future. Some new Indigenous workers were part of that training and have been a good fit within the work team. Other than the sealing contractors from Brisbane, council and contractor staff were from the local community, providing employment opportunities within the Shire and upskilling of the long-term workforce.

Overall, the project was a success and will improve the local economy with an improved road network, particularly in the wet season.

TIDS have also been allocated to further the seal extension in future years with the long-term plan to extend the seal to the NSW border.



Jobs Gate Road, Paroo Shire Council - sealing of finished pavement



Jobs Gate Road, Paroo Shire Council with final sealed pavement