

Media Release

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MOIRA SHIRE SUCCESSFUL IN BID TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY

Amid a tragic year on roads in the area, the Shire of Moira will receive up to \$130,000 in funding to improve road safety in the community thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne announced that the Shire of Moira was successful in two of their applications to the 2023 TAC Local Government Grant Program.

A grant of \$30,000 will go towards the development of a Moira Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, which will help to identify key road safety issues within the shire and develop a plan to improve road safety for all road users.

A second grant of up to \$100,000 will go towards construction of a raised intersection treatment, including two wombat crossings – part of the Nathalia Safer Pedestrian Project.

The Shire of Moira has seen 12 road deaths this year, a significant increase on the three lives lost at this time in 2022 – while 57 people have lost their lives on roads across the wider Hume region.

The 2023 TAC Local Government Grant Program was open for applications between July and August of this year, with analysis grants of up to \$30,000 and infrastructure grants of up to \$100,000 available for projects that adopt Safe System principles to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

The 2023 program also saw the addition of grants of up to \$30,000 for developing Road Safety Strategies and Action Plans, and a further \$30,000 for purchasing Variable Message Signs.

A full list of successful recipients will be announced in early 2024.

For more information on the TAC Local Government Grant Program, visit tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We're deeply concerned with the number of lives lost on our state's roads this year, and we will continue working with local governments to address road safety issues impacting their communities – but driving down road trauma takes all of us doing the right thing every time we hit the road."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Region Jaclyn Symes

"The Moira Shire community has felt the devastation of road trauma firsthand this year, with a significant increase to fatalities on their roads – our hearts go out to all those impacted, as we work to make our roads safer."

Quote attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter

"We're working with local governments to improve road safety within their communities, and we look forward to collaborating with the Shire of Moira on these new projects."

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