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## **REBUILDING POPULAR VICTORIAN TOURISM ROUTE**

A popular tourism route through Victoria's Goldfields region is undergoing major works thanks to the biggest single year investment in road maintenance in Victoria's history by the Allan Labor Government.

Crews have begun works to rebuild a section of Heathcote-Kyneton Road from Diss Road to Watts Lane, delivering a smoother and more reliable journey for thousands of motorists travelling between Heathcote and Kyneton each day.

The project will completely rebuild 2.4km of Heathcote-Kyneton Road in Langley from the ground up, helping to strengthen the road's foundations and ensuring it lasts for years to come.

A gateway to Victoria's world-class Heathcote wine region and a key link between two of central Victoria's regional hubs, Heathcote-Kyneton Road caters to a wide range of road users, including local people as well as drivers exploring the area, visiting loved ones or accessing vital services.

During the duration of the 12-week project, lane closures and reduced speeds will be in place within the work site – drivers are asked to follow detour signs and allow extra travel time.

This work is being carried out as part of the Labor Government's record \$964 million road maintenance investment, which is rebuilding, repairing and resurfacing hundreds of roads across the state.

Seventy percent of that funding is set to be spent in regional areas, helping to connect rural communities to family, friends, education and employment, and repair damage caused by flooding and above-average rainfall in recent years.

Other roads set to be repaired across the area include sections of the Calder Freeway, Macedon-Woodend Road and Tylden-Woodend Road.

For more information about roadworks in your local area, head to <u>transport.vic.gov.au</u>.

## Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We're rebuilding important routes such as Heathcote-Kyneton Road to make journeys smoother and more reliable for the thousands of locals and tourists who rely on the road network every day."

## Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

"Heathcote-Kyneton Road is a gateway to the incredible Heathcote wine region and is important to the local economy – this project will ensure the route supports the region for years to come."