

## **\$20 million to upgrade Clarence Way**

Thirty-one kilometres of the Clarence Way between Bonalbo and Urbenville will be upgraded thanks to a \$16 million grant from the Australian Government through its Remote Roads Upgrade Program (RRUP).

Kyogle Council also will contribute \$4 million to the project.

Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan announced the funding at Bonalbo last month.

“The Clarence Way is a critical route connecting the Bonalbo and Urbenville communities however the road is currently in exceptionally poor condition,” Mr Hogan said.

“This upgrade will see significant safety improvements including pavement widening and strengthening as well as drainage and delineation improvements.

“Importantly, the upgrade will ensure locals, businesses and other road users get to their destination safer and sooner.”

Mr Hogan said the RRUP help local government fund road upgrades which may otherwise be unaffordable.

“Our government recognises the costs to upgrade rural and regional roads is often prohibitive for local governments, which is why we are committed to providing this vital funding under RRUP,” he said.

Kyogle Council Mayor Kylie Thomas described the announcement as truly great for the region.

“Kyogle Council has worked tirelessly to highlight the absolutely key role that the Clarence Way plays in connecting our communities and businesses, and thanks the Federal Government for providing this critical funding support,” Cr Thomas said.

“The upgrade will benefit locals each and every day – making each trip safer and more comfortable and also kickstarting further community growth and development.”

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