

## **Kyogle Council's bridge building bonanza**

The 14<sup>th</sup> new bridge built by Kyogle Council so far this year has opened to traffic.

The new concrete and steel bridge on Sugar Glider Road replaces an old steel and timber bridge that had deteriorated badly.

“The state of the steel girders and timber decking on the old bridge were grim,” Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland said.

“The new bridge is so much safer and more robust than the old one and I know it will be very much appreciated by locals and the travelling public alike.”

The new bridge took about nine weeks to build, cost about \$450,000 and was funded under the State Government's Local Council Specific Purpose Grants.

Council's bridge team also hopes to complete another two new bridges, on Risk Station Road and Paddy Flat Road, before the end of the year.

“That will mean Council will have built 16 new bridges this year alone,” Cr Mulholland said.

“While all up, we will have replaced 94 bridges in the past three years.

“Stop and consider that number – 94 bridges replaced in three years!

“What other small rural council in Australia can say that? None. And it was done in the midst of a pandemic and while Council was working to recover from the effects of the catastrophic 2022 flood event.

“This is an incredible achievement and one which the whole community should be proud.”

Council's once in a life-time bridge renewal program has been funded, in the majority, through the State Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program (\$40.41million), plus a multi-million-dollar funding package from the Australian Government.

“On behalf of Council, I want to thank our bridge renewal funding partners for investing in the future of the Kyogle LGA,” Cr Mulholland said.

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