

Council deploys new weapon in war against potholes

Kyogle Council has deployed a new state-of-the-art weapon in its war against potholes.

Council's \$691,000 Ausroad Jetmaster can not only patch potholes, it can also repair shoulders and do 2.4 metre wide seals.

Operated from the cabin of the vehicle, the Jetmaster can also blow all water and debris out of the pot holes before they are patched.

Council's Director of Assets and Infrastructure Wayne Carter believes the addition of the new hardware to Council's arsenal will be a game changer.

"The enemy of sealed roads is water," Mr Carter said.

"Council's new Jetmaster is a high capacity self-contained road repair solution.

"Carrying its own bitumen emulsion and stone, with both front and rear delivery systems it can provide rapid and efficient road repairs from the safety of the drivers cabin.

"The benefits for residents and road users include faster response when roads become potholed. The benefits for Council include safer working conditions for staff and an efficient and reliable response to residents' requests for road repairs."

The Jetmaster will be deployed on roads throughout the local government area and Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland is confident residents will soon see how effective it is in Council's ongoing battle to defeat potholes.

"Everyone has a pothole story, and with the continuing wet weather, it's been almost impossible for Council to stay ahead of the game," Cr Mulholland said.

"Innovations in technology are happening all the time and it's great that those innovations are now targeting potholes.

"It's hoped the Jetmaster will give Council an edge in terms of a quicker and more effective response and ultimately Council can afford to add another one or two to the armoury."

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