



Limestone Coast – September 2019

In March 2019, RAA's Road Safety Team travelled 3,500km over seven days while assessing roads in the Limestone Coast as part of our Regional Road Assessment Program. This involved consultation with local stakeholder organisations and RAA members to help guide which roads and locations we assessed.

Seven council districts (City of Mt Gambier, District Council of Grant, District Council of Robe, Kingston District Council, Naracoorte Lucindale Council, Tatiara District Council and Wattle Range Council) defined the boundary of the region for the purposes of this assessment.

Tragically, between 2013 and 2017, 40 people lost their lives and 900 people were injured as a result of crashes in the Limestone Coast region.

We have produced an extensive list of recommendations to improve mobility and road safety in the Limestone Coast region. Some of our key recommendations include:

Riddoch Highway

Install new overtaking lanes and review speed limits in the Coonawarra wine region, amongst other safety improvements. Recognition of this vital road corridor on the National Highway network will facilitate further upgrades.

Princes Highway

Continue shoulder sealing of the corridor, widen bridges and install new overtaking lanes, amongst other safety improvements.

Dukes Highway

Progressively duplicate the Dukes Highway between Taillem Bend and the Victorian Border.

Southern Ports Highway

Reseal or reconstruction between Robe and Clay Wells Road, continued shoulder sealing, and intersection upgrades, amongst other safety improvements.

Cycling

Develop a cycling and shared path strategy for the region with consideration given to utilising disused rail corridors where possible to reduce the number of cyclists interacting with vehicles on the roads.

Roadside Hazards

Widen and expand clear zones on state highways to five metres, and further utilise safety barriers where not possible.

Speed Limits

Implement safety and maintenance improvements on the four roads (Riddoch Highway, Carpenter Rocks Road, Clay Wells Road, Ngarkat Highway) that have had recent speed limit reductions and subsequently review the 100km/h speed limit.

Kangaroo Flat Road

Road widening, shoulder sealing, and localised road reconstruction to address the major safety hazards on this road.

Naracoorte Road

47 kilometres of road widening and shoulder sealing to improve safety for all road users.

Clay Wells Road

Shoulder sealing and road widening to improve safety and productivity along this important freight route.

Lucindale Road

Shoulder sealing and repair of undulating sections to provide safety improvements for all road users travelling between Naracoorte and Lucindale

These and other recommendations are outlined in further detail in the full 2019 Limestone Coast report. Contact us at roadsafety@raa.com.au or call **8202 4517** and we'll email you a copy.