

Why We... Reseal Roads

ROAD RESEAL FACTSHEET



Somerset Regional Council manages an extensive 852-kilometre sealed road network, consisting of asphalt and chip sealed surfaces. That's 45% of all local roads in Somerset.

To keep water out of the underlying pavement material, these roads need to be resealed every 10 to 15 years.

Reseals preserve the road pavement, but also increase surface texture for better tyre friction. The result is a safer, more resilient road network.

Why not just fix the roads?

Road repairs are expensive, and where possible Somerset Regional Council takes preventative measures to keep the cost of major repairs to a minimum.

You can think about road reseals as a coat of paint – it covers minor defects and prevents them from accelerating into a major defect.

Council committed \$2.4 million to road reseals in its 2024-2025 Budget.

Major road rehabilitation can be incredibly expensive, and road reseals are a simple

solution which extends the lifespan of our bitumen roads. In turn, road reseals reduce the ongoing cost of repairs to ratepayers.

Road resealing extends our bitumen roads' lifespans by 10 years and improves tyre friction for a safer drive.

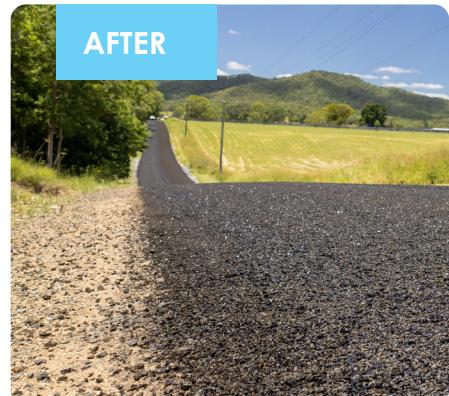
Before resealing, crews patch damaged pavement areas, remove grass from road shoulders and do vegetation maintenance.

In 2024-2025, Somerset Regional Council is resealing roads in Kilcoy, Sandy Creek and Mount Kilcoy.

BEFORE



AFTER





Road Reseals - FAQ's



When does road reseal work happen?

Road reseals generally occur in the warmer months of the year. Council will inform residents of upcoming reseal works in their street. This will generally occur within a week prior to the resealing works.



What happens if it rains on the day of the reseal?

Works will be deferred if rain is predicted as a dry surface is required for the best outcome.



Why is there so much loose stone after the reseal?

Excess stone is required to ensure a good cover is created during the reseal process. These stones will either embed into the surface or be removed through a sweeping process in the days following a reseal.

In the days immediately after the seal a reduced speed will be displayed on the site to prevent stones being flicked up by vehicles.



How long does it take?

Reseals typically only take a single day on shorter streets and roads, however, some rural roads may take up to a week to complete. Prior to the commencement of the reseal program, preparatory works are undertaken. This consists of patching damaged pavement areas, removing grass from road shoulders and vegetation maintenance.

This preparatory work may be undertaken in the weeks leading up to the reseal.



What if I need emergency access?

Site personnel will always ensure emergency vehicles are given a priority through the site.



When can I drive on the new surface?

Resealed streets and roads will be reopened to traffic, typically within 20 minutes of the reseal process starting.



How will I be impacted?

If you normally park on the street or road, you will have to park elsewhere on the day the reseal works. Property access will be maintained, however, there may be interruptions and delays. It is best to make contact with site personnel if you need to enter or exit the work area for safety.