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Sandergrove Road revitalisation realised

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The final stages of Strathalbyn's Sandergrove Road Revitalisation Project were completed last week, and locals are thrilled with their stunning, new boulevard style entrance to the town.

Significant street-level enhancements to underground power lines and install new heritage-style streetlamps, preceded recent comprehensive civil and landscape works including new footpaths, street-side kerbing, a stormwater management system, road asphaltting, street furniture, trees and landscaped gardens.

Alexandrina Council's Chief Executive Officer, Glenn Rappensberg recognises the important economic and social benefits that the completion of the project offers Strathalbyn and the entire Alexandrina community.

"Council is thrilled to present the completion of this project which affords the Southern entrance of Strathalbyn a new and invigorated identity.

"The appearance and quality of key roads in Strathalbyn is paramount in delivering a strong economy and an enjoyable, functional town for both the local community and visitors alike. This project is an outcome of the Strathalbyn District Centre – Traffic, Parking and Streetscape Plan and is a significant step towards the transformation of the Strathalbyn town centre," he said.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes is delighted with the result on Sandergrove Road and is looking forward to seeing further streetscape improvements in the coming years.

In June, Alexandrina Council announced the attainment of grant funding from the State Government's Planning and Development Fund to further enhance the Strathalbyn streetscape by better utilising open space and improve traffic management through and around the town. The Minister for Planning announced a contribution of \$536,000 towards the project, with Council financing the remaining fifty per cent of the total project cost.

"We thank the Strathalbyn community for their support and patience while the work has been undertaken on Sandergrove Road, and they can now enjoy the aesthetic and practical improvements it provides. With the recent state government grant funding, we can progress streetscape enhancements in the town centre to ensure Strathalbyn retains its heritage appeal while implementing more efficient wayfinding and traffic infrastructure to cope with a growing population," Mayor Parkes said.

With the Sandergrove Road works now complete, and the commencement of the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation Project expected for mid-2020, there is exciting progress to look forward to in enhancing the heart of Strathalbyn and its beautiful town centre.