

PRESS RELEASE

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ARRB GRANTED \$2.6M TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT

The 2019 / 2020 Budget delivered by the Morrison Government is to be commended on their \$2.2bn boost to road safety. ARRB are delighted to contribute to the delivery of this excellent initiative through the provision of expertise that spans 60 years.

Responsible for over 80% of our network, local governments have an essential role to play in the successful implementation of initiatives, whether that is improving ROIs, safety, efficiencies or technology.

As a component of the budget package announced, ARRB has been named to receive \$2.6m to assist local governments to assess their road asset management and maintenance requirements with a focus on regional areas (page 130 of Budget paper 2).



This means that we will formulate a new suite of technical manuals for the benefit of all local governments. The new manuals will provide the latest world thinking and technologies in the use of next generation materials, sealed & unsealed roads and structures; tailored to local government challenges. The current ARRB guides will get the much-needed rewrite to incorporate next generation thinking and advanced communication delivery outcomes for all local governments across Australia.

In addition, ARRB have been funded to acquire next generation devices to assess in situ, the aging status of seals for rural and regional Australia to better predict performance and optimise maintenance strategies; ensuring a focus on informed, predictive maintenance.

As part of the new ARRB National Reference Laboratory in Port Melbourne we will be able to pioneer portable measurement systems that potentially will deliver the step change in field-based asset management that Local Government have been seeking. The Portable Infrared spectrometer is a highly advanced system that allows for the spectral analysis of bituminous materials. This system allows for the rapid spectral analysis of a drop of material.

