

# Project Evaluation Finding

## Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route

### Project Description

Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route redirected heavy vehicles away from the commercial centre of town, aiming to improve amenity and safety in the town centre (Bair Street).

### Output

The project delivered a suitable heavy vehicle route to:

- Improve transport network efficiency, particularly for freight movement
- Improve road safety, including the town centre.

### Cost & Duration

The project cost \$5.5 million (completed above budget including additional scope for rail level crossing removal) and was delivered on time by November 2016.

### Working with others

Regional Roads Victoria worked in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council and a stakeholder reference group consisting of transport, business and community groups to develop this project.

### Benefits Achieved

#### Improved network

- Heavy vehicles using Bair Street reduced from 775 to 488 (287 difference, 37% reduction)
- Travel time data shows overall improvement for vehicles through the Leongatha network by 14 seconds (8%).

#### Improved road safety

- Data shows zero crashes on Bair Street in the two years after the project.
- An increase in the crash rate was observed at the upgraded intersections, which is expected to decrease as locals are more familiar with traffic signal operation.

### More Information

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Figure 1 – Before



Figure 2 – After