Road resealing is the process of spraying bitumen onto a road pavement and then rolling in a layer of uniformly sized stones to create a new surface.

It is the most economical method of sealed road pavement resurfacing and is the best way to maintain the life of the road surface.

The benefits of resealing roads include:

- Waterproofing of the surface
- Protecting the underlying pavement from deterioration
- Seals small cracks and imperfections
- Extends the pavement life
- Economic method of resurfacing roads
- Improved skid resistance

WHY IS MY STREET BEING RESEALED?

Resealing protects and extends the life of a road. As the upper layers of road pavement are exposed to weather and wear from traffic, the surface deteriorates and small cracks form in the surface. These cracks can allow water to penetrate the lower levels, which if left untreated can lead to potholes.

The resealing of your street is based on a series of existing surface condition factors such as cracking, patches, roughness, and the age of the pavement. This data is updated and re-analysed every 12 months to ensure that the correct roads are selected to get the most benefit from resealing. Over the next few years, Council will be focusing part of its road works budget on proactively resealing low traffic roads, consistent with the recommendations provided by the ARRB (Australian Roads Research Board) report completed for Council in 2013.

Roads containing significant pavement defects are not suitable for resealing and require more extensive and disruptive resurfacing or rehabilitation treatments.

DID YOU KNOW?

Resealing is around one tenth the cost of full reconstruction or asphalt overlays, and when done at the right time can extend the life of a road by 10 to 15 years.