CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN

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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents

Potholes and bumpy roads are the bane of motorists and councils across the country, a feeling I know some of you share even in our City.

Our Council, like every other around the country, grapples with dealing with potholes.

Limited budgets and the never-ending cycle to repair them, where no sooner do you fill one in, another develops, is a major strain not only on our finances, but on our Roads Operations Unit's ability to keep up.

This year, we have had unprecedented wet weather, with nearly 50% of days affected by rain and the damage to our roads is a constant drain on our resources.

However, I am proud to inform you that of the 3,350 pothole reports to Council's Roads Team in the past 12 months, there are fewer than 37 requests outstanding.

An unbelievable statistic and a great achievement by our road crews.

You might also be interested to learn that our City received a $10.2 million grant from Transport for NSW for heavy patching of our roads last financial year, and Council has spent every cent of that funding, plus much more, across each ward in our City to patch around 77,000 square metres of roadways.

There is no doubt our Council leads the way in monitoring and recording damage to our road network through AI technology on our street sweepers, maintenance inspectors and community reporting. We also have in place a strict timeframe to complete the repairs.

I have written to the NSW Premier Chris Minns to highlight the need for more funding and to come up with solutions on how to assist Councils to deal with these costly weather-related events.

In the meantime, if you notice a pothole on our local roads, please continue to report this to us at **cb.city/ReportIt**

Regards,

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