A moo-ving piece of student teamwork

A GROUP of Terang College students has brought a splash of colour to the classroom over the past term, as part of the Picasso Cows program.  

The Dairy Australia initiative saw about 60 tractor trailers in the town.  

“Stress and planning manager John Kelly said in a report to the council the larger capacity of the trucks reduced the number of trucks on the road and up to 78 tonnes for three roads, as the entire state is affected by increased grain truck movements.”

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"We need assistance to ensure our road network is fit for purpose into the future.”

"It was a bit chaotic to start,” he said.

"We used to have mass load increases are predominantly located in the shire’s south. The three roads increased to 78 tonnes were Nellyton Street, Cobden-South Ecklin Road and Scansons Road.  

Cr Helen Durran said it was important to note the requests for increased mass limits had not been rubber stamped.  

"Strict criteria applied,” she said.

"The facts are that the bigger trucks are more efficient and will mean less trucks on the roads and increase efficiencies for the dairy industry.”

Cr Jo Beard said the move will improve the local economy as well as reduces the administrative burden for transport operators.”

Mr Kelly said the council’s assets planning team had assessed each of the roads on its merits and had taken school bus routes into account.

Only roads which do not require infrastructure upgrades and are not carrying 200/75 tonne traffic would be considered for a given amount of freight.

“Allowing higher mass on a truck with a double-configuration will reduce the overall number of movements required by smaller, less road friendly, heavy vehicle combinations accessing the local road network,” he said.

"It will also improve productivity for industry without significantly increasing the overall wear on road surfaces.

"Approving an increase in the mass limits on local roads where appropriate supports the dairy industry as grain movements are expected to increase due to increased grain truck movements.  

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