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Moree drives it home at Road Congress

Council's Asset Manager, David Wolfenden presented a Roads Sustainability Paper at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Roads Congress held on Monday 18th May in Sydney.

The presentation was based on data collected by Moree Plains Shire on the significant gap between current road funding and the amount of funding required to sustain roads at an acceptable level.

Moree Plains is one of the first councils to carry out this analysis, which statistically explains the serious situation of our roads.

Director of Engineering, Murray Erbs said "The facts and figures support what has been common knowledge in our community for a long time. It gives additional weight to our submissions for government funding."

The Congress deemed the Paper as necessary and urgent for all Local Government bodies to be united in their efforts to lobby State and Federal Governments for a greater share of funding to maintain roads.

The Congress also called for taxes levied on the transport industry to be returned to the organisations responsible for the maintenance of the roads.

Mr Wolfenden will present the Roads Sustainability Paper at the upcoming Shire Association Conference in June and the National Roads Congress in July.

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