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LONDON STREET BRIDGE TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS NEXT WEEK

The London Street Bridge is near completion with the final touches being made this week before it reopens for vehicular and pedestrian traffic mid next week. The contractors will be completing the concrete shared path, and a small section of guard rail - which will be completed early next week, completing the bridge works.

The London Street Bridge has been closed to traffic and pedestrians since May this year with Council investing \$2,242,500 towards the replacement costs and the Bridges Renewal Programme also funding up to 50% of the cost up to \$2,242,500. The improvement of the Bridge will provide better connection between the CBD and the Kirton Point residents and enable improved productivity of heavy vehicles, and support the growth of local industries in and around the Port Lincoln Wharf and associated industrial and commercial precincts.

The London Street Bridge now has an unrestricted weight capacity and has been widened to a 10 metre carriageway consisting of two 3.5 metre driving lanes and two 1.5 metre bicycle lanes. The span of the bridge has been shortened from 25 metres to 19 metres in length and also includes a 2.8 metre shared path for better pedestrian access. The design life of the bridge is 100 years.

Mayor Green said, "The replacement of the London Street Bridge has secured a reliable, direct and integrated route between Port Lincoln CBD and Kirton Point and allows for heavy vehicles to use the bridge because of the now unlimited load limit".

We thank the community for their patience and understanding while the bridge has been closed, to enable the bridge to be reconstructed to meet the current Bridge Code design and safety requirements. The new bridge also has improved safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists.

An official opening of the London Street Bridge will be held late November 2017.

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