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Residents and travellers reap benefits of Irrunytju road upgrade



Caption: Stage 1 and 2 works on Irrunytju Road are now complete, with Stage 3 soon to commence.

In an exciting milestone for the Shire of Ngaayatjarraku, Stage 3 of the Irrunytju Road upgrade project is about to commence. The first two stages were completed earlier this year and included upgrading 7km of the road to provide improved access for the residents of the remote community of Irrunytju (Wingelina) and visitors from further afield.

The completed works included widening of the road formation, additional pavement, and an improved vehicle driving surface. These works will continue in Stage 3 of the project, upgrading a further 4km of the road.

State and Federal Government funds totalling \$1.36 million were committed to the first two stages, with a further \$495,000 committed in the current financial year for Stage 3. The upgrades will provide safer and more user-friendly road conditions which has the potential to boost tourism in the area, including those that may be travelling to and from South Australia.

Shire President Damian Mclean said the infrastructure improvements will deliver safer and more efficient roadways and encourage cross community connectivity and tourism.

"As part of the Shire's commitment to road safety, we'll continue to strive for best outcome for the community and ensure everyone has a safe and smooth experience on our roads."

"Stage 3 of the Irrunytju Road safety upgrade will continue the progress of developing wider and smoother roads for vehicles and therefore creating a safer environment for drivers," said Cr Mclean.

"Once completed, locals and tourists will have better access to the regional roads, providing vital links between communities and ensuring safe journeys home."

"Council is proud to see the progress made on addressing road safety for remote communities and we're looking forward to commencing the next stage."

The Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku is continuing to deliver upgrades to improve safety and accessibility in regional roads around the Ngaanyatjarra lands. Stage 3 of the Irrunytju Road upgrade will be commencing in early 2022.

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Caption: Works in progress on stages 1 and 2.



Caption: Overview of the site of the completed works.