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BOOST FOR ROADS SUPPORTING TOURISM

The District Council of Orroroo Carrieton has just received \$285,000 under the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme to fund improvements to tourism roads, new signage and visitor infrastructure in the district.



Outback roads support tourism

Image credit A Hucks

The project will fund the upgrade of unsealed roads, particularly focussing on higher use and tourist routes, such as "Magnetic Hill" and the "Johnburg Loop". New infrastructure such as tourism signage and a picnic shelter will also be delivered.

Mr Dylan Strong, Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, has welcomed the funding and believes the benefits of the project will be far reaching.

"There are not too many positives in drought, however the drought communities funding gives us a chance to create local employment and stimulate business in the communities with benefits to flow for several years,"

"Tourism is an important ingredient of our local economy and we need to grasp every opportunity for the sector to grow".

The re-sheeting to occur on the Johnburg Loop will value-add Council's scheduled maintenance and improve road safety.

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“We will see immediate benefits for our northern communities who use the roads every day, and also open up further tourism possibilities that those communities can take advantage of,” he said.

The \$285,000 project is the second project to be approved for the Orroroo Carrieton district area under the Drought Communities \$1 Million program, with five other projects remaining under assessment.



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