

Formal event marks completion of the Dunns Road Upgrade

An event celebrating the formal completion of the Dunns Road Upgrade was held this week after the road was reopened in full to motorists in late March 2024.

The event was attended by Senator Deborah O'Neill, in representation of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister, the Hon Catherine King; the Hon Michael McCormack; Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga Councillor Dallas Tout; Councillors, staff and other valued stakeholders.

The Dunns Road Upgrade project was jointly funded by the Australian Government with their provision of \$5.8 million, and a \$2.5 million contribution from Wagga Wagga City Council.

\$400,000 was also provided by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program, toward completion of the project.

The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Federal Member for the Riverina, was a key supporter in securing funding for the project from the Australian Government in 2019.

The upgrades aimed to particularly address the increased traffic demands and safety issues stemming from Dunns Road becoming a popular shortcut over time for travellers heading into the city from the south.

Upgrades also improve use of the road as a direct route from the Olympic Highway to the southern suburbs of Wagga Wagga, the airport, and major sporting and recreational facilities.

The project's key components included sealing of a 3.3km section of the road, upgrade of the Olympic Highway and Dunns Road intersection, and construction of a roundabout at the Holbrook Road and Dunns Road intersection.

Senator O'Neill noted in her capacity as the Duty Member for the Riverina that the completed upgrade of Dunns Road is a wonderful outcome the Government is proud to support.

"Wagga Wagga is a key hub for national agriculture, trade, military, sport, tourism and culture," she stated, adding that "it is important that the Australian Government continues to support the development of its infrastructure."

"This upgrade is vital for all who live in and drive through the region in terms of safety and employment. It has also directly boosted the local economy with an estimated 60 jobs created during the project."

Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga Councillor Dallas Tout emphasised the importance of the completed upgrade.

“The delivery of this final project milestone means residents and travellers in the Wagga Wagga area will now enjoy a significant improvement in their driving experience: namely in terms of safety, accessibility, and efficiency,” Cr Tout said.

“Increasing the safety and efficiency of traffic along Dunn’s Road has been a project of paramount importance for Wagga Wagga City Council.”

To learn more about the Dunns Road Upgrade visit
haveyoursay.wagga.nsw.gov.au/dunns-road-upgrade

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Media Opportunity Details

Time: 12:00PM - 12:45PM

Location: This event will take place beside the new roundabout at the Holbrook Road and Dunns Road intersection.

Description: This event is to mark completion of the Dunns Road Upgrade, enhancing driver safety and the efficiency of traffic flow for motorists traveling into Wagga Wagga from the south.

Event MC: Director Strategy & Projects Phil McMurray

Key Attendees: Senator Deborah O’Neill (attending for The Hon Catherine King); The Hon Michael McCormack (Federal Member for the Riverina, TBC); Mayor of Wagga Wagga, Councillor Dallas Tout; Director Strategy & Projects Phil McMurray; representatives for contractors related to the project.

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About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of more than \$236M.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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