

Funding approved for the Lovers Lane Heavy Vehicle Bypass in Pinnaroo

Southern Mallee District Council has been successful in its bid to attract funding for a significant upgrade to the Lovers Lane Heavy Vehicle Bypass in Pinnaroo.

Council applied for \$218,000 of funding under the 2018-2019 Special Local Roads Program. This competitive grants program provides funding for strategically important roads across South Australia.

"Council has been committed to this project for some time and the funding of \$218,000 together with Council's contribution of \$110,000 will enable us to deliver this important regional transport project.

The proposed works totalling \$328,000 include widening and reconstruction of the 1 kilometre unsealed section with a new bitumen spray seal pavement to a width of 8 metres with 1 metre unsealed shoulders," says Council's Chief Executive Officer, Jason Taylor.

Council's Works Manager, Matthew Sherman, will project manage Council's works crew to deliver this project. It is anticipated that works will commence in March 2019, subject to weather conditions, and be complete this financial year. Council will work to ensure the construction period causes minimal impact to the community and transport businesses.

Mr Clint Muster, of Muster Potatoes said "the upgrade of Lovers Lane is very welcomed by the district's agricultural producers and will be a significant benefit to many producers, freight businesses and the broader community saving time and improving safety for road users."

He said this project provides further recognition and development of Pinnaroo's strategic location at the centre of key north-south and east-west transport corridors.

