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FUNDING BOOST TO FIX ESPERANCE ROAD BLACK SPOTS

More than \$1.7 million has been received for two road infrastructure improvements in the Shire of Esperance from the 2016/2017 Australian Government Black Spot funding program.

The funding will allow Main Roads to undertake a \$1.45 million realignment and upgrade of the intersection of South Coast Highway and Napier Road in Dalyup and the Shire of Esperance to complete a \$292,254 reconstruction of the Grass Patch Road and Swan Lagoon Road in Grass Patch.

The Australian Government Black Spot Program provides funding for target road locations where crashes are occurring or where there is an identified road safety concern. Successful applications through the federal program receive funding for 100% of the project costs.

Shire President and Esperance RoadWise Committee member Victoria Brown said "These projects were identified through the process of a road safety audit. The road environment is critical in influencing road user behaviour and an audit will assist the road authority to identify measures to reduce the risk of future crashes. The Shire is working to identify and prioritise areas that require road infrastructure improvements in our road network by proactively identifying road safety concerns, as well as reviewing our regions crash statistics."

"With resources stretched to maintain and improve our vast road network, which is the largest of any Shire in the state, it is fantastic to see the Shire of Esperance successfully secure external funding."

"Reducing road trauma is not just about changing driver behaviour it is also about working to create a safe road environment. It is promising to see the Shire working with the resources available to achieve improved road safety outcomes for our region."

For more information on the Australian Government's Black Spot Programme, or to nominate a black spot, visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots>

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