

# Bidyadanga Roads Upgrade Project



## What is the Bidyadanga Roads Project?

The Bidyadanga Roads Project forms part of a larger initiative by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) to transform the community into a township. Following the sealing of Bidyadanga Road and the airstrip, Main Roads is managing the roadworks component of the initiative to improve local roads in the town. The State Government has committed \$4.8 million in funding for the roadworks.

The planned works include:

- Repair and reseal of existing sealed roads,
- Construct and seal some unsealed roads,
- Improve cross-overs and footpaths
- Construct and seal new car park facilities

The planned works will ensure the existing roads stay in good condition and also provide sealed access to more homes and locations within the townsite, including to the rubbish tip, making them accessible during the wet season and reducing dust during the dry.

### How long will the work take?

It is planned to deliver the works over the next three dry seasons, commencing with the upgrade of the tip road later in 2022. The extended timeframe is needed to allow water and power services to be upgraded in the townsite, prior to roadworks being undertaken. It will also allow local Aboriginal businesses to build capacity and provide ongoing employment opportunities for local community members.

## Delivery Model

A Delivery Strategy workshop was held with Karajarri Traditional Lands Association (KTLA), Bidadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Incorporated (BACGLI) and key stakeholders to identify the preferred delivery method and identify opportunities for Aboriginal businesses and organisations to be involved.

Main Roads is collaborating with traditional owner group, KTLA to progress an opportunity to provide accommodation for the project's workers. The benefits of this opportunity expand well beyond the lifespan of this project and can directly support long term benefits for the traditional owners whilst facilitating the larger community initiative to become a town. After an

initial assessment of the buildings, KTLA will continue preliminary discussions with the asset owner, the Department of Communities, to make use of this potential opportunity.

Main Roads is having a series a discussion with local aboriginal business Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation to supply plant, equipment and labor for assisting Main Roads to deliver the works for this project.

Nirrumbuk began a training program in May 2022 for locals to become work-ready and take advantage of projects' employment opportunities within the Bidadanga community over the next three years. Eighteen local Aboriginal residents are enrolled in a Certificate III in Civil Construction. Run by Nirrumbuk's training arm, Djaringo, this course

program is 16 weeks long and involves in-classroom theory followed by in-the-field learning including traffic control, plant tickets, signage installation and pothole repair, followed by a formal assessment.



Bidadanga residents in Cert III Civil Construction

## Planned Program of Works

To help maximise Aboriginal participation, the works will be delivered in stages to enable the local Aboriginal businesses and workers to develop their skills throughout the project's delivery.

The planned works program shown may vary depending on final funding allocations and progress of other works.



### Year 1

- Construct Tenth Street to tip site and connections to Fourteenth Street and Pirralia Street. Approx. 4.5km of new road generally outside of townsite including sections of stabilised basecourse and new culverts.

### Year 2

- Repair existing road network, including reconstruction of three intersections.
- Prepare ground and seal swimming pool carpark, construct cemetery car park.
- Install general concrete works to cross overs, kerbing and traffic control

### Year 3 - subject to funding

- Construct Orchard Road, School Street
- Construct Bore Street to basketball courts
- Construct Sixth Street (south of Cemetery Road), Cemetery Road, Mission Road, access to teacher accommodation and seal school car park.
- Construct Sixth Street (north of Cemetery Road) and construct basketball car park.

## Environmental and Aboriginal Heritage

Main Roads will enter into a Heritage Protection Agreements with the KTLA to minimise risk to Aboriginal heritage and ensure the new roads are adequately surveyed before road works start.

Main Roads will also work with KTLA to prepare Heritage Management Plans prior to construction works.

The new roads will be aligned with the old roads wherever possible to minimise ground disturbance and clearing of vegetation to reduce the impacts to potential Aboriginal heritage and the environment.

A topsoil and weed management plan shall be implemented, requiring all plant and equipment to be cleaned prior to delivery to site and inspected prior to starting work to reduce the spread of weeds into the community.



## Stakeholder Engagement

Main Roads is consulting with key stakeholders including the Shire of Broome, KTLA,, Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Incorporated (BACLGI), pastoralists, Water Corporation, Horizon Power, Department of Education, Department of Communities, Department of Planning, Land and Heritage, and Department of Premier and Cabinet, to seek their input into the project.

Consultation is underway with KTLA, BACLGI and other agencies to hold a combined agencies 'Open Day' to inform the community of the up-coming Projects in their community. The Open Day is planned for during last quarter of 2022

It is planned to arrange a Welcome to Country with KTLA prior to the commencement of works.

## Community Information Session

In September 2021, a Bidyadanga community information session was held at the front of Bidyandga Store with approximately 20 Community members attending. The community showed support for the upgrades and an awareness of the intent to upgrade their community into a town with the roads being the first upgrade.

## Further information

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