

Outback Way



The first work package on the \$46.5 million **Outback Way** has **reached the half-way mark**. Jointly funded by Australian (\$37.2 million) and Western Australian Governments (\$9.3 million), 40 kilometres will be sealed by September 2021.

The first work package to seal 'Australia's Longest Shortcut' is well underway, with 20 of the first 40 kilometres now sealed by the Wongutha Way Alliance, comprising Main Roads, CareyMC and Central Earthmoving. Earthworks have commenced to prepare for sealing of the next 20 kilometre section, which is due for completion in September 2021.

Training opportunities

In April, the Wongutha Way Alliance commenced a construction training program with 13 local Aboriginal people taking part. On-the-job training has been coupled with theory classes in Laverton with participants working towards completion of a Certificate III in Construction.

Training includes traffic control, roller, grader, loader, and water cart operation.



Joe Narrier and local Aboriginal woman Janice Madariage are both training to become Stabiliser Operators.

MEET STUART

Stuart Ugle is a Noongar man living in Laverton. He completed the first training program undertaken by the Wongutha Way Alliance in 2019. Before joining the team, Stuart was working construction on Barrow Island on a FIFO roster. He says that one of the benefits of working on Outback Way is that he is close to home and his family. During his traineeship, Stuart excelled, and was nominated for Civil Contractor's Federation Trainee of the Year award.



What's next?

Project development for delivery of the next work package has commenced. This includes a 10 kilometre section near Warbuton and a three kilometre section near Warakuna. Construction is expected to commence in late 2021.

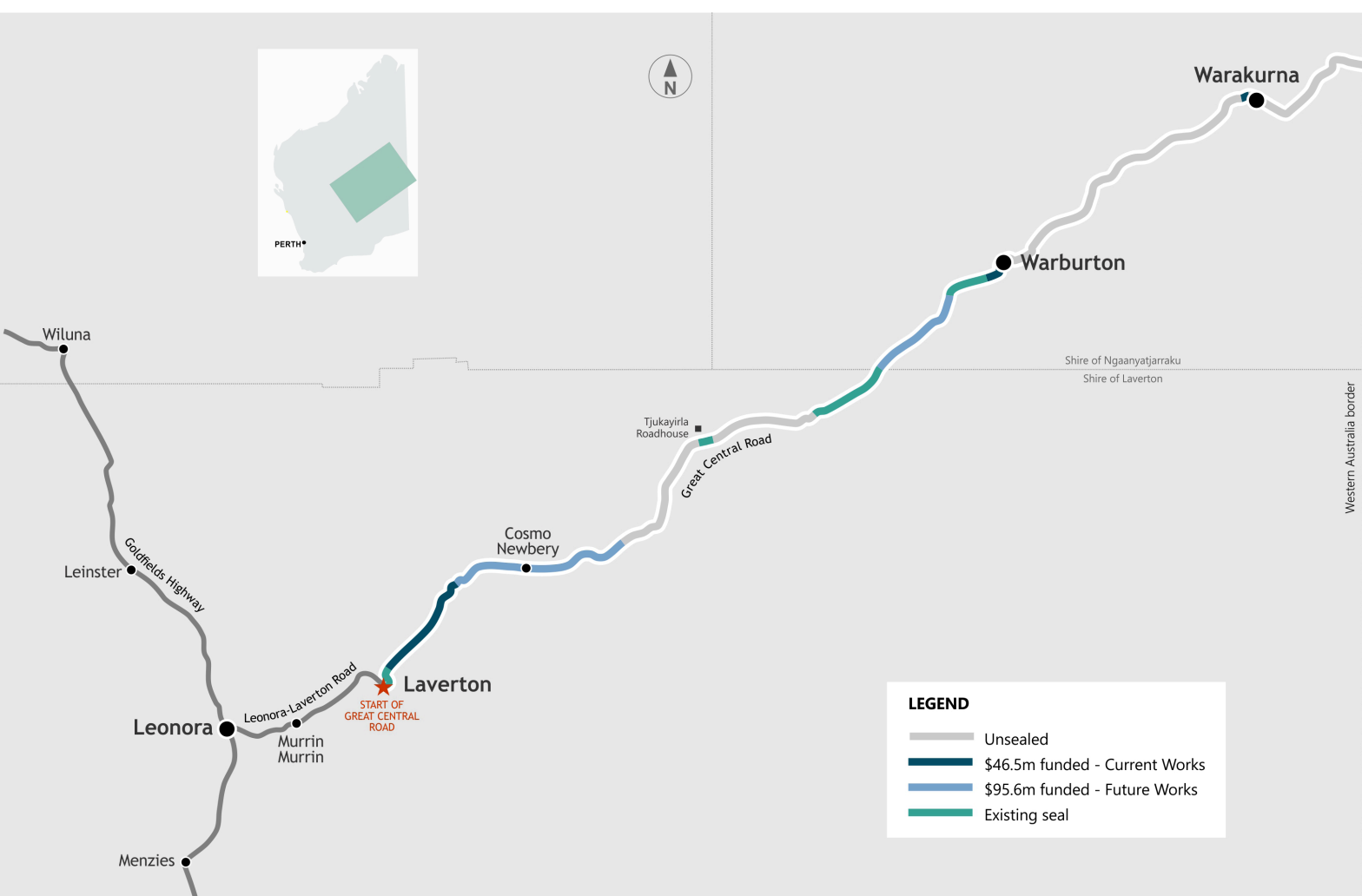
We're also planning for delivery of a future work package near the Cosmo Newberry Community, 84 kilometres east of Laverton.

Notice to Road Users

Traffic management including speed reductions are in place. We encourage all road users to obey the signs and signals, and drive to conditions.

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