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**Kidman Way road widening complete**

Motorists along the historic Kidman Way will now travel easier thanks to the completion of extensive road widening works.

Member for Barwon and Minister for Western NSW, Kevin Humphries said the $820,000 project south of Bourke would greatly improve traffic conditions along the 44 kilometre stretch of road.

"The existing road was about 6.5 metres wide, with unsealed shoulders and now the new sealed lane is 8.5 metres wide and includes wider travel lanes and a one metre sealed shoulder on either side.

"This will provide a much safer road for heavy and light vehicles who regularly share this section of the road."

With the road also a favourite with 'grey nomads', Mr Humphries believed these latest works would attract even more caravanning tourists to Western NSW.

Bourke Shire Council General Manager, Geoff Wise said he was proud of the progress made on the Kidman Way.

"We've now widened approximately half of the total length of the Kidman Way in the Bourke Shire towards Cobar and we have a goal to progressively complete the whole length over a period of time."

"With this section of highway forming part of the shortest sealed distance between Melbourne and Darwin and part of the shortest sealed distance between Perth and Adelaide through to Brisbane, it's a national thoroughfare with heavy haulage transport and road safety is vital," Mr Wise said.

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