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## Rare wildflowers protected by roadside signage

Populations of five rare plants are now protected from accidental destruction by new signage in the Stanthorpe district.

Southern Downs Regional Council, in partnership with the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC) and the Stanthorpe Rare Wildflower Consortium, through funding from the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* open grant scheme, identified the significant roadsides and developed a plan to protect them.

Southern Downs Regional Council Deputy Mayor Peter Blundell, who is also QMDC Chair, said 11 of Stanthorpe's local roadsides had been signed with Significant Conservation Area signage to help protect the rare plants.

"The signs are primarily to identify the significant sites to Council and utility roadside crews when maintenance or construction work is being undertaken, however, they also raise awareness within the local and tourist community," Cr Blundell said.

"The sites have also been mapped, helping with future council planning, and a report profiling each site with management actions has been completed."

Cr Blundell said the Stanthorpe district was home to a range of rare and endangered plants and the signage was just one part of ensuring their survival.

"The Stanthorpe Rare Wildflower Consortium is made up of some very committed community members who, in conjunction with QMDC and council, are ensuring that future generations of both residents and visitors will have the chance to see these rare plants," he said.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee is a natural resource management organisation that supports communities in within the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to sustainably manage their natural resources. Visit [www.qmdc.org.au](http://www.qmdc.org.au) for more information.

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