

Bunbury Outer Ring Road

## PROJECT UPDATE

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This project update contains information regarding the current and future works taking place on the Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) project. Information within this update is current as of February 2024 and is subject to change. For the most recent updates available, visit the Main Roads BORR website or the Bunbury Outer Ring Road Community Facebook Group.



### An Update on BORR

Welcome to 2024 and to the year's first project newsletter on BORR!

We finished up last year at 68 per cent completion, with a number of infrastructure construction milestones successfully completed and many more Underway.

At the Paris Road and Clifton Road interchange, the retaining walls, including the backfill, which provides structural stability, nears completion. Up on the bridge deck itself, the precast parapet barriers – i.e., the safety 'railing' on the edges of the bridge - has commenced installation.

Concrete and steel barrier works at the Raymond Road interchange have begun and the application of asphalt on the surface is underway.

The Collie River bridges are also beginning to take shape with columns erected and capping beams at the ends of the bridge, known as the abutments, being constructed.

Over at the South Western Highway (north) interchange, the deck slab has also been completed.



**Raymond Road interchange**

Additionally, the skirt beam concrete pours at both ends of the bridge at the South Western Highway interchange have been finished. Skirt beams are the horizontal structures at the ends of the bridge that help tie the beams together and retain the abutment backfill, to support and distribute loads.



**South West Highway (north) interchange**

Further along the alignment, at the Boyanup-Picton Road overpass (also known as the Mega-Bridge), installation of all 60 beams has been successfully completed, capping off an intensive 12-month construction process. Concreting activity for the bridge deck slabs is also underway. You can see the progress in the images below, comparing how the area looked back in December 2022 and more recently in December 2023.

The Yalinda Drive structure is taking shape with bridge beams now installed. The Bussell Highway interchange is nearing readiness for construction of the superstructures, with central piers now completed, and abutments being backfilled for future precast beam delivery and installation.



**Before (Dec 2022) and after (Dec 2023) at the Mega-Bridge**

## Local and Aboriginal business spend update

Along with the realisation of the BORR infrastructure itself, the project continues working towards its social and economic outcome objectives – a minimum spend of \$450 million with local businesses and \$30 million with Aboriginal businesses. As at 31 January 2024, \$525.1 million has been committed and \$395.1 million has been spent with local businesses in the South West.

This spend includes engagement with 338 local businesses, with 103 of those businesses having been engaged with a spend in excess of \$50,000. Project engagement with Aboriginal businesses has reached \$35.7 million in spend to date. 42 Aboriginal businesses were engaged, of which 20 were awarded packages in excess of \$50,000.



## What's happening on BORR

Check out our latest stories from the project.

### Yalinda Drive artwork from the team at Karrak Designs

Rich hues of green and blue, native Koomools (possums), gorgeous Karraks (cockatoos) and the iconic Yorgam (gum tree) are all part of the wondrous art design that will soon feature at the Yalinda Drive overpass which is now under construction.

[Click here to learn more about the design process](#)



### Deck the BORR with concrete

The concrete deck pour at BORR's northernmost interchange, Paris-Clifton Road, has been completed. Ever wondered what it takes to pour 350 cubic metres worth of concrete?

[Click here to find out](#)



### It's getting busy at Bussell Highway Interchange

What are Mechanically Stabilised Earth walls, and why are they so important at the Bussell Highway interchange? Read the article to learn how just how involved it can be to raise concrete structures.

[Click here for all the answers and more](#)



## For more information on the Bunbury Outer Ring Road

If you have any questions, please contact **138 138** or email [enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au). Alternatively, you can visit the Community Hub, located at 75 Victoria Street, Bunbury, between 11:00am and 3:00pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.