PROJECT UPDATE April 2021





## **BUILDING OUR FUTURE**

## **Bunbury Outer Ring Road**

The \$852 million Bunbury Outer Ring Road project is jointly funded by the Australian Government (\$681.6 million) and the State Government (\$170.4 million).

The Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) will reduce local congestion and increase efficiency for freight vehicles and regional traffic while improving long-term access to the Bunbury Port. The project will support social and economic growth and development, enhance amenity on local roads by reducing freight and regional traffic on them, and create a safer road system for our community in greater Bunbury and the wider South West region.

#### **Construction update**

Construction is continuing in the northern and central sections. We are currently preparing access roads and laydown yards for the Willinge Drive interchange. At the Raymond Road interchange, we are progressing topsoil stockpiling and we have also started developing Turkey's Nests (construction water ponds) in both areas.

Our construction team is planning to continue moving north from Raymond Road over the coming weeks and we will be providing updates to local residents as we progress.

For further construction information, you can join our Bunbury Outer Ring Road community group on Facebook or visit our Community Hub at 75 Victoria Street, Bunbury.



Site works at Raymond Road

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### Community drop-in session at the Hub

We are currently planning a community drop-in session at the South West Gateway Alliance Community Hub, located at 75 Victoria Street, Bunbury.

We welcome you to come and meet the team on Saturday 22 May, between 10am and 2pm. We will have team members from a range of different disciplines such as design, construction and traffic access available to answer your questions on the BORR project.

This drop-in session will be the first of many sessions to be held at the Community Hub, and we look forward to seeing you there. The session will be informal, so feel free to drop in any time.

Please click <u>here</u> to register for the session. While registration is not essential to attend, please consider doing so as it will help us ensure we can answer as many of your questions as possible on the day.



The Community Hub (75 Victoria Street, Bunbury)

## TAFE Infrastructure Ready programme leads to opportunities on BORR

The South West Gateway Alliance, including Main Roads, has partnered with TAFE and local training organisations to help drive local employment opportunities on the project.

We would like to congratulate the first round of graduates from the TAFE Infrastructure Ready course, and are proud to announce that we have hired our first team member from the program. We look forward to continuing to work with training organisations to bring job-ready members of the local community onto BORR.

We are committed to working with the unemployed community, and jobseekers, to get them upskilled and

ready for work on the project and beyond. The launch of our new BORR Jobs platform is also imminent, so keep a lookout for updates on our Facebook page, and the project website, in the coming weeks.

### Major contractors join the BORR project

This month we are continuing to bring local contractors onto the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project. Some of our recent appointments include RN Contracting, Geographe Civil and BJ Catalano and Co.

Through procuring these local businesses, we are continuing to push towards our spend target of \$300m with businesses in the South West region, as well as creating jobs and industry sustainability into the future.

The team is excited to welcome talented contractors onto the project who understand the area and how important BORR is to the wider community.



Team members on site at Raymond Road

#### Local spend tracker

Our commitment to local spending is integral to the success of the BORR project. As of 31 March, we have spent \$3.4m with local business, with \$565k going to Aboriginal Businesses.



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As construction continues to ramp up, we are going to see this figure grow substantially towards our goal of \$300m over the life of the project.

# DFES working with the BORR team to be fire-safe

As part of kicking off works on site, our team met with the regional Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to outline the extent and timing of our project, the nature of our works and how we can best collaborate with the DFES team.

This helps us ensure we have effective and efficient response services available to our team in the event of an emergency.

The first of these drills was held on March 24. The site team used a bushfire scenario for the emergency drill and initiated the site shut down and call out to the DFES team.

While all personnel were brought into the muster point, the DFES team dispatched a response crew. Within 20 minutes of the call, the DFES team arrived on site to our muster point location. The DFES team gave us positive feedback on the setup of the drill and communications to their office with directions to site.

This was a great result for all involved and we look forward to the next drill with the DFES team.



DFES speaking with the central construction team

### Urban Design and Landscaping Focus Groups

The South West Gateway Alliance, in partnership with Main Roads is seeking nominations for our soon to be established Urban Design and Landscaping Focus Groups. The objective of the Groups is to review and provide comment on the Urban Design and Landscaping designs for BORR.

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Up to two Urban Design and Landscaping (UDL) Focus Groups of 15 people will capture representative community member insights and ideas for enhancing the BORR UDL design outcomes including, but not limited to elements such as:

- planting design;
- art and colours on noise walls;
- artistic concepts (theme, colour and patterns) for bridge abutments; and
- cultural and place theming along the alignment.

For the focus groups, we are particularly interested in working with residents who live in close proximity to the BORR alignment. If you are interested in nominating to join the focus groups, please visit the Main Roads BORR webpage, under '<u>What's</u> happening'. Nominations close on 12 May 2021.

## Local Economic Impacts from the BORR report now available

Main Roads has recently released a report developed by KPMG outlining the *Local Economic Impacts from the construction of Bunbury Outer Ring Road* on the BORR website.

The report looks at the facts and figures of the construction phase of the BORR project in areas including employment outcomes, social benefits, local spending and industry sustainability. You can view the report by visiting the Main Roads website, or clicking **here**.

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Local Economic Impacts from the Construction of **BUNBURY OUTER RING ROAD** 



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### Join the BORR Facebook Group

If you want to keep up with the news of the BORR project, join our community Facebook group. We have now reached more than 1,200 members and will be keeping you all updated with regular posts about the project.



Search Bunbury Outer Ring Road Project Community Group on Facebook or visit <u>www.facebook.com/groups/borrproject</u> and register as a member.

### What's happening next?

The timeline below shows what we have planned for the coming months.



#### **Further information**

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