# PROJECT UPDATE March 2021





### **Bunbury Outer Ring Road**



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 in the Northern and Central sections of the project are continuing this month. Work has begun on the Raymond Road interchange with topsoil and clearing activities. Similar work is happening in the Willinge Drive area.

Geotechnical investigations across the North and Central sections are continuing, and ongoing environmental monitoring along the whole alignment is also underway.

For more information, visit the project page on the Main Roads website at <a href="www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BORR">www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BORR</a> or come and see us at our new Community Hub (see article below).











#### **Blending Culture with Infrastructure**

Aboriginal Participation in the form of employment, business opportunities, heritage management and cultural integration into the BORR infrastructure is a key focus for this project.

The Alliance team recently had the opportunity to take part in a cultural immersion program at Roelands Village.

The team was able to reflect on how much more can be shared in the community about the traditional ways of life on the land and the very significant recent and ancient Aboriginal cultural history that surrounds the area.



The team at Roelands Village with local Elder Annette Garlett

## Alliance hosts second round of Business Briefings in Bunbury

Local businesses are critical to the BORR project which aims to achieve \$300m in local spend. A second business briefing held recently enabled interested businesses to understand the upcoming work and tendering requirements.

We will be hosting business briefings approximately every two-months to keep the business community updated.

You can register your business now by clicking <a href="here">here</a> or go to the project website homepage to register at: <a href="https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BORR">www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BORR</a>.



Business briefing at Maker + Co.

### **Local spend tracker**

Our spend targets of \$300m with local business and \$20m with Aboriginal business are integral to the success of the BORR project, and as of February 28, we have reached \$5.8m in committed local spend, with 28% going to Aboriginal businesses. We have a long way to go as we push towards these targets and we are looking forward to progressing construction and significantly increasing our spend in the South West region.



### Aboriginal Employment a key contributor to the BORR project

On Thursday 25 February, we hosted our inaugural Aboriginal employment forum. The forum kicked off with a presentation, followed by a casual drop-in session where potential future employees could register their interest and find out more information on how to get job-ready for working on the project.

Representatives from TAFE, Main Roads, Department of Training and Workforce Development, Department of Education, Skills and Employment and local industry representatives attended the session to help attendees understand their potential employment pathways.

More than 60 potential Aboriginal employees registered their interest in working with us on the day.

If you would like to contact us and find out more information on how to get involved in the project please, call us on 138 138 or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au">enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au</a>.



Joanne Hill at the Aboriginal Employment Forum

### **Local Community Hub now open**

The team is ready and waiting to meet you at the new BORR Community Hub at Maker + Co. Come and see us at 75 Victoria Street, Bunbury, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, and Saturdays 10am-1pm.

If you want to know more information about the project, would like to view some project maps, are looking for employment on the project or want to know how your business can get involved – come in and see us.



### **BORR Employment Portal launching soon**

The team is preparing to launch our new online employment platform, BORR Jobs. The website will be a centralised location where all jobs with the South West Gateway Alliance and our contractors will be located. This gives jobseekers visibility over all the opportunities available on the project.

We will keep you updated on a launch date and look forward to showcasing the platform soon.

### 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 1,000 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
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/borrproject">www.facebook.com/groups/borrproject</a> 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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