

Bunbury Outer Ring Road



Temporary pavement works at Raymond Road site.

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

Traffic on Raymond Road will soon be switched onto a temporary diversion to allow for the construction of the new interchange. While continuing to import sand for the embankments, we have also started to import rock fill for foundation treatments.

At the Waterloo Road project site, we have done some test pitting recently to validate our topsoil thickness and foundation treatments with good results. We also have started establishing our site compound in this area.

Finally, at the Boyanup/Picton project site, we have established our stockpile area and started topsoil stripping for future bridge works in the area.



Drone shot at the Raymond Road project site

Yaka Dandjoo Graduation

We recently celebrated our very first graduating class from the Yaka Dandjoo Sustainable Employment program. We commend the students' efforts during the last eight weeks and recognise their commitment to the program. Families and friends gathered with our subcontractors and South West Gateway Alliance team members to celebrate the occasion.

The next phase of the program aims to place graduates into traineeships, apprenticeships, and work placements to continue their learning and gain meaningful employment.

We have already recruited our second intake for the program and have 40 participants. These students will undertake the six-stage program, moving towards a career in the civil construction sector.

The Alliance is committed to at least 10 per cent of construction work hours being undertaken by Aboriginal people. We are also aiming to provide opportunities for the currently unemployed, intending to hire and train 10 per cent of the workforce, including prison release participants, providing them with lifelong skills.



Yaka Dandjoo students at graduation

Road dilapidation surveys

In the coming weeks, we are using a Falling Weight Deflectometer vehicle (a testing device used to evaluate the condition of the road) to assess the current condition of the roads surrounding BORR.

The surveys, and photographic evidence, will document the road condition prior to and post construction.

Make sure to keep an eye out for the survey team on the road, and follow the speed limits and messages displayed on approach.

Meet the Buyer and Supplier Forum

We recently attended the *Meet the Buyer and Supplier* forum, run by the Transport portfolio's Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery (OMTID), and had the opportunity to network with a vast range of Aboriginal businesses across Western Australia.

With spend targets of \$20m with Aboriginal businesses and \$300m with local businesses, the forum was a great opportunity to network with key suppliers about opportunities on the project.



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Alternative base course testing underway

Our team was on-site at the Raymond Road interchange with KEE Group in late October to begin testing an innovative pavement solution for BORR.

We are reviewing and testing the quality of the base course over the coming weeks.



Team member reviewing the base course thickness

Meet the team

Adrian Matthews – Construction Manager

Adrian Matthews has been with the South West Gateway Alliance since its inception and is the Construction Manager on the project.

With almost 30 years experience in construction, Adrian started his career in telecommunications before moving into mining projects in Western Australia's North West. There, he was responsible for delivering an array of projects in bulk earthworks, civils, bridges, foundations and much more.

On the BORR project, Adrian is responsible for all site works, construction delivery and operations, and overseeing superintendents and all construction staff.

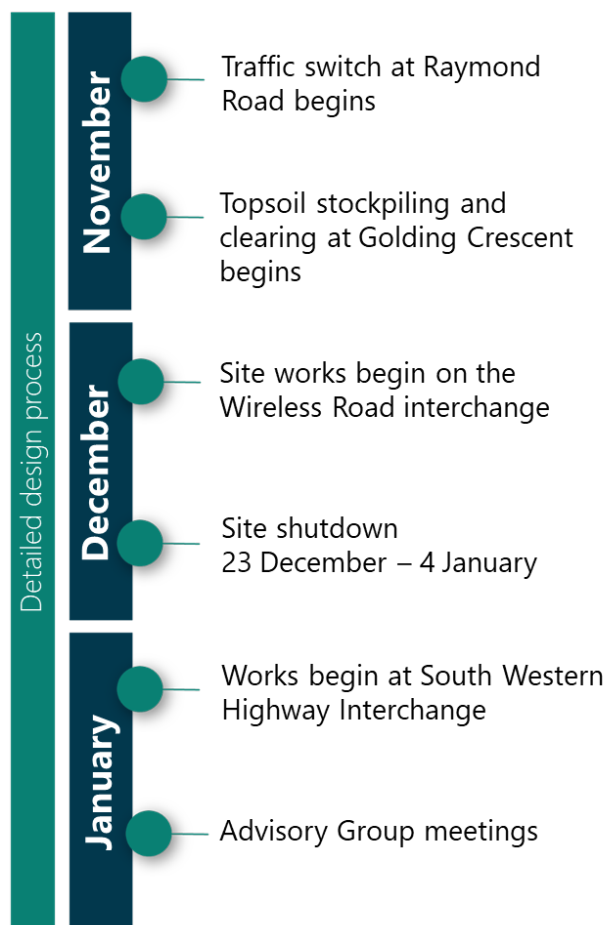
"I am really enjoying this project as it's the largest regional project to date in the South West, it's in a great location, and it's a fantastic team to work with. The Alliance structure is working really well and has helped us maximize our delivery to our commitments on such a large project."



Local spend tracker



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



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