



# Bunbury Outer Ring Road



Site establishment works at Golding Crescent 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 and enhance amenity on local roads by reducing freight and regional traffic. It will also create a safer road system for our community in greater Bunbury and the wider South West region.**

## Construction update

Construction of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road is now more than 12 per cent complete, and site establishment in the north and central has progressed significantly.

We have now imported more than a million tonnes of sand to project sites in the northern and central sections for foundations, laydown areas and embankments (a bank of earth built to carry a road over a low lying area).

The project requires almost eight million tonnes of import in total, and in some key project areas we are now operating on Saturdays to increase the amount of fill we can deliver to our project sites before the wet weather returns.

In January, there was a lower than average rainfall in Bunbury, providing optimum working conditions for embankment works.

While a lack of rain can be helpful for construction, we understand that hot and dry conditions can affect nearby homes with increased levels of dust.

As such, we have dust monitors installed across some project sites, and are using a dust suppressant on our stockpiles, as well as regularly running water carts throughout the day to keep dust to a minimum.

If you travel on Forrest Highway, you would have seen a flurry of activity over the past few weeks as we build the crossovers in the median. These crossovers are being developed for future use when traffic will be diverted onto one side of Forrest Highway to enable construction of the Paris/Clifton interchange.



**Forrest Highway median works**

## Raymond Road ground improvements

The bridges team has been busy completing ground improvement works at the Raymond Road interchange to increase ground stability for the future bridge to sit on. To do this, the team is currently constructing 200 on-site controlled modulus columns (CMCs), which are eight metres long and 450mm in diameter.

The large drill is fitted with a custom drilling tool that penetrates the ground, displacing the surrounding soil within the hole. Displacing the soil within the hole and not removing it (like a standard pile) strengthens the area where the columns are being constructed. Once the holes are dug, high-flow concrete is then pumped through the drill and used to fill the concrete column.



**Drill rig at the Raymond Road site**

## Business briefings

Our first round of business briefings for 2022 will be taking place on Tuesday, 15 March in Bunbury at the Maker + Co. Building (75 Victoria Street, Bunbury).

During the session, we will be talking about upcoming opportunities, what's next on the project, and how to get involved.

There will also be a unique opportunity for local businesses to hear from Chris Stanley, Assistant Director of Code Operations Coordination at the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC). Chris will provide an overview of the building code and obligations for businesses, as well as tips to remain compliant and how to get support.

If you run a local business and you're interested in working on the BORR project, register to join our next session here: <https://bit.ly/313wOlb>.

This session will have capped numbers due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. Masks are required and all attendees are required to provide proof of vaccination.



**Business briefing in Bunbury**

## Meet the team

### Joanne Hill – Aboriginal Participation Manager

Joanne Hill joined the South West Gateway Alliance in October 2020 as the Aboriginal Participation Manager on the project.

Jo is a Bunbury local and is a well-known community member, participating in the local netball team and contributing her time to local sports clubs across Bunbury.

Jo's key focus is on processes and systems to increase Aboriginal participation on the project through employment initiatives, heritage management, cultural awareness training programs, business participation opportunities and community engagement.

"I've really enjoyed working with great people and being involved in an exciting large project here in Bunbury," Jo said. "Having the opportunity to facilitate engagement with our Aboriginal community and businesses on the project has been a highlight".



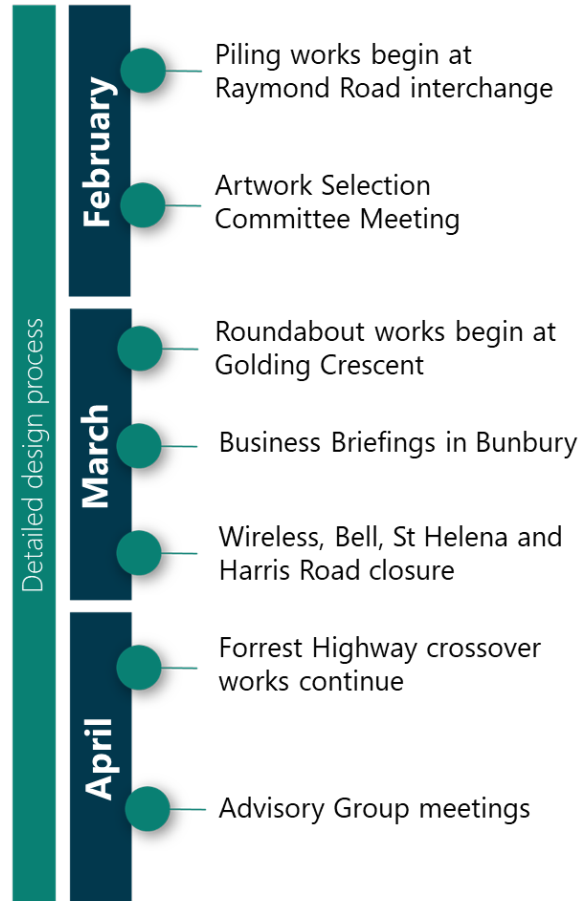
Joanne at the BORR Community Hub

## Local spend tracker



## What's happening next?

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



### Further information

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