PROJECT UPDATE January 2022





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Bunbury Outer Ring Road

Raymond Road project 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.

Welcome back for 2022! Our teams have been back at work since early January to begin what will be a big year of construction milestones and progress on the project.

We reinstated all traffic management and signage across Raymond Road, Paris/Clifton Road, South Western Highway and Willinge Drive, so please make sure to keep an eye out and drive to conditions.

We are now actively working across the northern and central sections of the project. To allow for the construction of roads and interchanges to progress, there will be ongoing roadworks, road closures, and traffic switches in place throughout the remainder of the project.

From 31 January, we will have a single lane open in both directions on Forrest Highway between Paris and Clifton Road to allow for preparations to be made for the future interchange.

Some road closures will commence in Picton East in February. Wireless Road, St Helena Road, Bell Road and Harris Road will be affected while works are completed in this area. Golding Crescent remains partially closed until later this year.

We understand that while BORR is under construction, there may be frustrations due to traffic impacts and changing traffic conditions. We are committed to keeping the local community updated via <u>email</u>, the <u>Main Roads Travel Map</u>, the <u>Bunbury</u> <u>Outer Ring Road webpage</u>, and our Facebook page.

If you have any suggestions about how we can improve the way we communicate with you, or want to get in touch, please contact us on 138 138 or by email at enguiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.

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Construction update

Across all project sites, our predominant focus is bulk earthworks, ground improvement and embankment fill. These works must be completed during the drier months before the fill becomes wet and harder to work with.

At the Raymond Road project site, the team has started building a piling platform in preparation for the construction of the Raymond Road bridge. The platform provides a level and stable pad to allow a drill rig to safely install the CMC's (controlled modulus columns) that form the foundation of the bridge. CMC's are installed at the bridge foundation to strengthen the soil beneath, ensuring it can withstand the significant loads that the bridge will impose.

The pads are approximately 50 metres by 20 metres in area and include a 400mm thick limestone layer on top for strength.



Piling pad at the Raymond Road project site

To ensure the bridge could be built with minimal impact on local traffic, we built a temporary diversion road which opened in December last year.

The Raymond Road bridge features a 'dumbbell' design which will allow road users to travel over BORR via a bridge and continue along Raymond Road, as well as entering and exiting BORR in either direction.



Raymond Road interchange visualisation

Meet the team

Heather Reid – Landowner Engagement

Heather joined the South West Gateway Alliance in January 2021 and is an integral part of the Landowner Engagement team.

Originally from Esperance, Heather is now a well-known Bunbury community member. She is part of the Rotary Club of Bunbury and several other community organisations, with her finger on the pulse of everything Bunbury.

Heather started her professional career as an occupational therapist and went on to deliver healthcare in hospitals and within the community. She then moved into OH&S, helping employees injured at work with rehabilitation.

Most recently, Heather worked in the mining sector, specialising in Human Resources and Safety Advisor roles.

On BORR, Heather is responsible for managing land access, finding solutions to issues, ensuring landowner enquiries regarding construction are resolved and so much more.

"Working on this project allows me to give back to the community while working on an iconic infrastructure project, which is transforming the quality and safety of our lives for future generations," she said.



Heather at the BORR Community Hub

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What's happening next?

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



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