



This project update contains information regarding the current and future works taking place on the Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) project. Information within this update is current as of November 2023 and is subject to change. For the most recent updates available, visit the Main Roads BORR website or the Bunbury Outer Ring Road Community Facebook Group.



An Update on BORR

Construction of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) continues to advance with a number of significant achievements taking place over the last month.

The Mega-Bridge beam installation at Boyanup-Picton Road began earlier this month. Initially, three of the first seven spans of five beams each were installed over two nights from 3 – 4 of November. The remainder of the 60 beams will be installed in the coming weeks, with the final span is due to be lifted in December.

The bridge deck pour at the Forrest Highway and Paris-Clifton Road interchange has taken place over two stages, with the next step being the installation of the safety barriers along the deck. Over at Railway Road, the bridge's beam installation has now been completed and reinforcement of the deck has begun.

There has been significant progress on the stabilising walls across the project. These structures are used to reinforce the slopes on either side of a bridge and are also referred to as Mechanically Stabilised Earth (MSE) walls. Panels have now been installed at Paris Road and at the BORR and Bussell-Highway Y-interchange while the final MSE layer has been applied at Yalinda Bridge.

In order for these bridges to be constructed, beam manufacturing needs to take place first. This means that the precast yard—i.e., the beam manufacturing facility—has been hard at work. Over the last month, 22 beams have been cast bringing the total number of beams produced to 123—over 80 per cent of all precast beams required on the project.



Retaining wall panels installed at Paris Road



MSE walls at the Bussell-Highway Y-interchange



Applying the final MSE layer at Yalinda Bridge

In addition to infrastructure construction, the urban and landscape design is also coming to life. At the South West Highway (north) interchange, painting has begun on the bridge abutments.

The art design reflects the Noongar season of Birak, represented with red, burnt orange and brown toned colours to capture the aesthetic essence of the first summer.

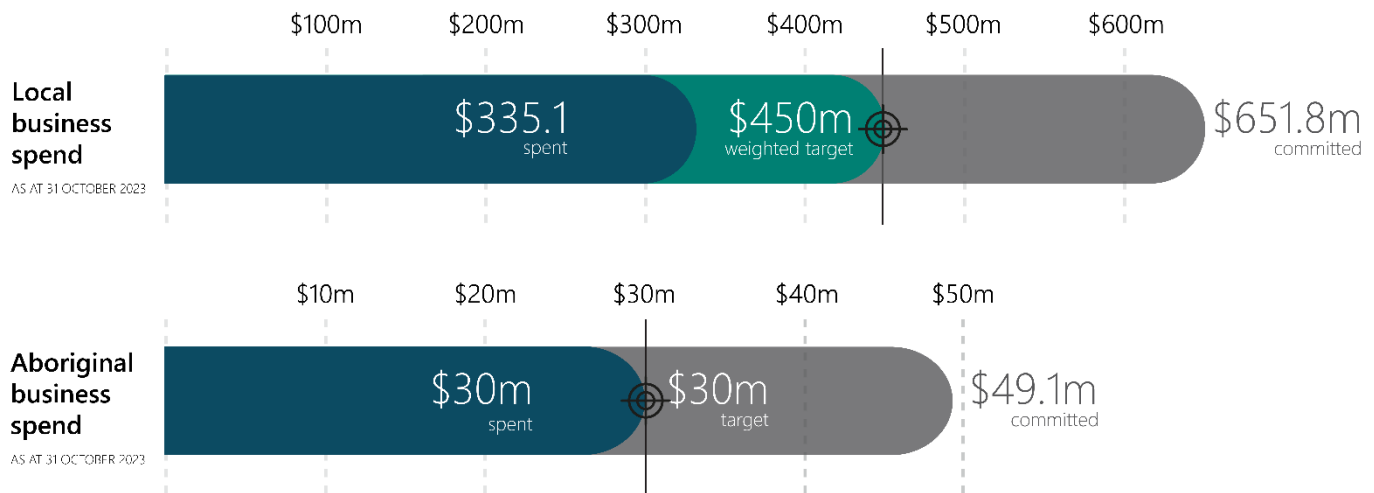


Visualisation of the Birak-themed art design

Local and Aboriginal business spend target reached

During the construction of BORR, a key target was to spend \$450 million with local South West businesses. As of 31 October 2023, \$651.8 million (weighted) has been committed and \$335.1 million has been spent with local businesses in the South West. This spend includes engagement with 321 South West businesses so far, with 94 of those businesses having been engaged with a spend in excess of \$50,000.

As of November 2023, with just over a year left until the project is scheduled to be completed, we are proud to announce that we have already hit our targeted spend with Aboriginal businesses. As of 31 October, project engagement with Aboriginal businesses has reached \$49.1 million in committed spend and \$30 million in spend to date. The target spend set was \$30 million; Committed spend refers to contracts in place for work. Of the 40 Aboriginal businesses and suppliers engaged with, 20 businesses received commitments in excess of \$50,000.



Please note, business weighting is calculated according to a local weighting criteria agreed by the Local Business Advisory Group (LBAG), which includes members from local South West businesses, organisations, local government and government agencies.

Community Hub announcement

From 1 December 2023, the Community Hub, located at 75 Victoria Street, Bunbury, will be changing its opening hours. The new times will be 11:00am to 3:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to find out more about the project, view the project map, drone footage, complete visualisation, or just ask a question, please come and visit us.

Plan ahead for stress-free holiday road travel

We're bringing big changes to our region's road network with the largest infrastructure project ever undertaken in the area – the **Bunbury Outer Ring Road**. Our team is working tirelessly to enhance safety and reliability for all travellers.

To make this happen, we've implemented traffic management and speed reductions throughout the area (including Forrest Highway, Bussell Highway and South Western Highway). If you are heading south this festive season, we've got you covered! Avoid the holiday rush and plan smart.

Click on the link [here](#) to read the BORR's Three Step Guide for your holiday road-trip.

What's happening on BORR

Check out our latest stories from the project.

Congratulations, Jackie!

Jackie Graham, the Training Manager at the South West Gateway Alliance, recently received the award for Achievement in Health, Safety & Social Responsibility at the National Association of Women in Construction in Australia (NAWICA) Awards 2023.

Jackie was recognised for her work leading the Yaka Dandjoo ready-for-work training program that has seen 175 participants complete the course since its inception.

[Click here to learn more about the Awards.](#)

Breaking ground with the Yaka Dandjoo graduates

The Yaka Dandjoo ready-for-work program has now celebrated its 11th cohort of graduates and has developed a specialised, onsite training ground to facilitate hands-on apprenticeships.

[Click to learn more.](#)

School's out... and onsite on BORR!

Year nine students from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School recently took part in the latest Career Taster's Program with the project team, which included a barbeque in quite the unconventional location.

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Beam work makes the dream work!

Bridge beams were lifted into place at the South Western Railway Line and Railway Road recently using an impressive crawler crane with super-life capacity. What's so tough about that?

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BORR's about to go tick tick BLOOM!

The BORR project has begun to bloom with the initial planting of a variety of native seedlings having taken place over the course of the spring season.

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For more information on the Bunbury Outer Ring Road

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