



WORKS CONTINUE —

HEALESVILLE-KOO WEE RUP ROAD UPGRADE – NORTH

OCTOBER 2022



We're building extra lanes and upgrading intersections on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road to make it quicker, easier and safer to get where you need to be.

We're making great progress on the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade as we continue to build extra lanes in both directions.

What's been happening?

Last month we started work on the new roundabout at Hall Road. So far, we've:

- placed fill materials and commenced earthworks
- installed storm water drainage
- started installing conduits for street lighting
- started works to build culverts
- commenced the concrete pour for the top level of culverts.

To ensure these works are completed safely, the western end of Hall Road will remain closed at the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road intersection until 21 December 2022.

Detours will remain in place during the works, but there is no impact to through traffic on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road. When finished, the roundabout will improve safety in this section and allow for better traffic flow. Please drive carefully.

Image above: Super T-beam being lifted in place to form two new bridges over Deep Creek.



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Bridge beams in place at Deep Creek

We've recently lifted 13 super-T beams into place at Deep Creek using a 650 tonne crane – a significant milestone for the project.

The 33.5 metre long precast Super-T beams were made right here in Victoria at a factory near Melton. The beams form a critical part of the infrastructure that will support the new bridges.

The new bridge will feature double lanes on both the north and southbound carriageways.

The bridge has been engineered to allow light to pass through to support the growth of vegetation, and the bandicoot habitat in the creek area below.

The crew worked safely across two days to get the job done, paving the way for next steps including a concrete pour and the installation of the bridge deck.

Image: Beams in place on the new bridges over Deep Creek.



Celebrating biodiversity

As part of the Biodiversity Month in September, our project team ran a colouring competition with St John the Baptist School in Koo Wee Rup.

Students were invited to attend an environmental workshop to learn about the area's flora and fauna, which was followed by the announcement of the winners of the colouring competition.

We had a great response from the students with more than 50 Year 6 students submitting their colourful entries.

All the participants received a bag of fauna-themed goodies and competition winners took away a pass to the Melbourne Zoo!



What's coming up?

In the coming months, we'll:

- build a temporary roundabout at the Ellett and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road intersection
- commence construction of the Ballarto Road roundabout
- relocate and protect remaining utility services
- install stormwater drainage along Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road
- continue to construct the new roundabout at Hall Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road
- continue bringing material to site that will build the foundations of the extra lanes.

We'll carry out most of these works, Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and on Saturdays between 7am and 1pm. Occasionally, we may need to work outside of these hours to minimise impacts on traffic and utility services. If this is the case, we'll let you know in advance.

*Image below: Roundabout construction at Hall Road.
Image bottom left: Students from St John the Baptist School with their fauna showbags.*

Over the last few months we've:

- established temporary site offices at Hall, Ellett and McKays roads
- installed the majority of temporary fences and safety barriers
- resealed sections of the existing Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road
- installed temporary traffic signals at Hall Road
- completed watermain relocations
- installed new power poles and overhead power lines
- started decommissioning the old power lines
- commenced the relocation of the Telstra underground network
- progressed earthworks to build the new lanes on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road
- installed the new drainage and fauna underpasses.





Pop in to our pop up!

We're holding community information sessions to keep you updated about the project and upcoming works. Come and visit our pop-up session at the following locations:

- **Tuesday 6 December**
11am to 2pm
Pakenham Central Shopping Centre
- **Saturday 10 December**
9am to 12pm
Koo Wee Rup township, Woolworths

No RSVP is required, just pop in to our pop up!

A new safety innovation

In a first for Victorian roads, the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade has successfully introduced remotely operated traffic signs along the project's 10 kilometre alignment.

The 'TriSigns' will significantly improve worker and motorist safety.

Developed and manufactured by Safetek Solutions, each sign incorporates three pre-set messages that a traffic controller can change remotely. They have been established at regular intervals along the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road alignment and will remain throughout construction.

This new innovative solution helps keep motorists informed and traffic controllers safe.

Continuing lane closures and reduced speed limits

Throughout construction temporary lane closures, reduced speed limits and traffic holds will be in place. Please travel safely through construction areas by following the on-road signage and any instructions from our traffic controllers.

Have a question?

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