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Mickleham and Craigieburn roads intersection completed 12 May

CRAIGIEBURN ROAD UPGRADE

WINTER 2023

Mickleham and Craigieburn Road intersection completed

The rebuild of the busy intersection of Craigieburn and Mickleham roads is now complete and fully open to traffic, reducing congestion and travel times, improving safety and connecting communities.

The intersection features upgraded signals and lighting, multiple lanes, more turning lanes and safer pedestrian crossings.

This transformation from a single-lane country road roundabout to major urban arterial junction is an important milestone in the upgrade of Craigieburn Road.

Hume Highway connection completed

Over the summer, construction crews focused on transforming the eastern end of Craigieburn Road to improve access to the Hume Highway.

As part of the upgrade, we removed the roundabout at the Craigieburn Road/Walters Road intersection and replaced it with traffic lights. We completed drainage, power and telecommunications, upgraded lighting, and installed shared use pathways to better connect the community to Craigieburn Plaza, medical services, businesses and the train station.

This new connection opened to traffic at the beginning of March and is the first part of Craigieburn Road to be completed, with three lanes in each direction.



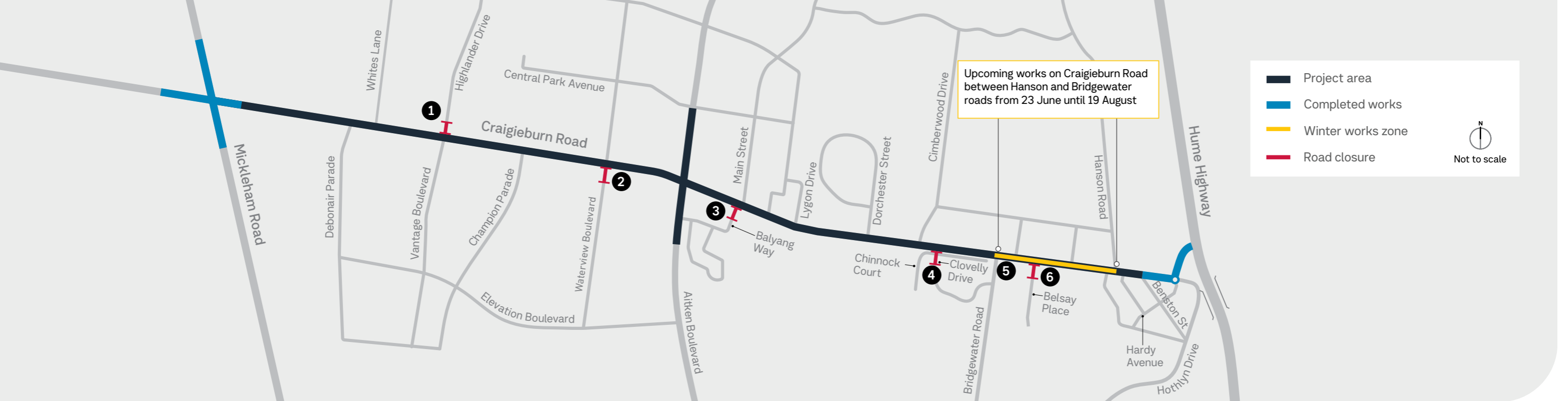
Together, these milestones provide finished sections at each end of the 6.5km-long Craigieburn Road Upgrade.



Image: Newly completed Craigieburn Road to the Hume Highway

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Upcoming works

1 Highlander Drive at Craigieburn Road – to late August

Highlander Drive is closed at Craigieburn Road to construct a new intersection. Residents and businesses will be able to access the area via Waterview Boulevard, Marathon Boulevard and Highlander Drive.

Shops and businesses will remain open, so please shop local.

2 Waterview Boulevard at Craigieburn Road – to late June

To enable construction of the southern section of the new Waterview Road intersection, Waterview Boulevard is closed between Craigieburn and Grove Road until late June. Access will be maintained via a detour along Aitken, Elevation and Waterview boulevards.

3 Balyang Way at Craigieburn Road – to mid-July

To complete major works at the intersection of Craigieburn Road and Balyang Way, Balyang Way is closed in both directions until mid-July.

4 Clovelly Drive at Craigieburn Road – to mid-July

Clovelly Drive at Craigieburn Road is closed until mid-July while we complete construction of the upgraded intersection. During this time, local access to Clovelly Drive is being maintained via Bridgewater Road but there is no access for through-traffic from Bridgewater to Craigieburn Road.

5 Finishing Bridgewater Road – to July

The left turning slip lane from Bridgewater Road to Craigieburn Road will open in early July, following the completion of NBN works. There will still be some restrictions for right-turning traffic while we build more lane capacity on Craigieburn Road. During this time, access to Balyang Way is via Aitken Boulevard and Ajana Drive.

6 Belsay Place at Craigieburn Road – to mid-August

Belsay Place at Craigieburn Road is closed until mid-August. During this time, access to Belsay Way is being maintained via a temporary access track connecting Smeaton and Egton courts.

In addition to these local road closures, there will be changed traffic conditions along Craigieburn Road for the duration of works.



Environmental win

Aitken Creek is the summer home of the Federally-protected Latham Snipe, which migrates from Japan in September and departs in January. We're protecting this migratory shorebird and making sure it is not disturbed while we're working. This season, 41 birds were sighted in the Aitken Creek wetlands, suggesting local conditions are remaining favourable for the Snipes.

Image: Latham's Snipe along Aitken Creek. Picture credit to Abzeco Pty Ltd

Next big push: widening Craigieburn Road between Hanson and Bridgewater roads

Following the opening of the eastern end of Craigieburn Road between Hume Highway and Hanson Road, the team's next big job is to upgrade the section between Hanson and Bridgewater roads, to add new lanes and join up with the newly completed Bridgewater intersection.

The area is currently operating with one lane in each direction.

This section will reopen to two lanes in each direction, and we'll continue building extra lanes behind barriers.

Local access will be maintained and you'll still be able to get to sports at Craigieburn Stadium and Aitken Reserve, as well as local businesses and services. Detours will be signposted.

From 23 June until 19 August, Craigieburn Road will be closed between Hanson and Bridgewater roads so we can fast track building new lanes.

Artist impression of upgraded Craigieburn Road between Hanson Road and Bridgewater Road (subject to change)



Community thank you at Craigieburn Plaza

Assyrian dancers and Bollywood glamour brought colour to Craigieburn Plaza on Sunday 26 February, as we thanked the local community for their patience during summer road works.

More than 5000 residents turned up to enjoy free giveaways, scavenger hunts for the kids, market stalls and entertainment.

In support of Craigieburn's Assyrian community, we accepted donations for UNICEF's Turkey Earthquake Relief efforts, which were matched by both MRPV and Fulton Hogan, making the total raised \$1220.

Senior Project Manager Dimuth Gammampila officiated at our travel competition prize draw, presenting the winner with a \$4,000 Flight Centre travel voucher.



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