



Upgraded Browns Lane, Faneco Road and Yan Yean Road intersection

YAN YEAN ROAD UPGRADE



We're investing in Melbourne's north to help you get home safer and sooner.

During Stage 1 of the Yan Yean Road Upgrade we:

- removed dangerous road bends
- widened the road from one to two lanes in each direction between Diamond Creek Road and Kurrak Road
- upgraded the intersections at Diamond Creek Road, River Avenue, Memorial Drive, Browns Lane, Kurrak Road and the Nillumbik Shire Council Recycling and Recovery Centre with traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings

- widened and installed safety improvements at the Mackelroy Road intersection
- added safety barriers in the centre medians and by the roadside
- added service roads to give safe access to residential properties
- built new walking and cycling paths.

Stage 2 of the Yan Yean Road Upgrade will:

- install new traffic lights at North Oatlands Road and Bannons Lane
- install new roundabouts at Heard Avenue and Jorgensen Avenue
- install traffic lights to replace the roundabouts at Orchard Road and Bridge Inn Road

- widen the road from one to two lanes in each direction between Kurrak Road and Bridge Inn Road
- upgrade the intersection at Ironbark Road
- add service lanes to give safe access to residential properties
- build new walking and cycling paths along the full length of the road
- add centre and kerb side safety barriers along the road.

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Building better places

We've upgraded Yan Yean Road through Plenty to help get you home safer and sooner.

Stage 1 Yan Yean Road Upgrade has improved journey reliability and connectivity through Plenty.

It's now safer and easier to get around Plenty. The walking and cycling paths and crossing opportunities have been designed to better connect you with public transport, as well as shopping and sporting precincts in your local area.

The project added:

- a new shared walking and cycling path along the full length on the west side of the road
- new footpaths along sections on the east side of the road
- bus stops conveniently placed near new pedestrian crossings
- shelters at 10 of the 12 bus stops along this section of Yan Yean Road. Shelters could not be added at two bus stops due to space constraints.

Image: Upgraded Yan Yean Road



Stage 1 of the project upgraded Yan Yean Road through Plenty. Before Stage 2 can continue the upgrade of Yan Yean Road through Yarrambat and Doreen, we need to go through an Environment Effects Statement (EES).

The EES process will make sure all potential environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts of the project are known and managed appropriately. This process can take up to two years to complete.

Stage 1 project timeline

- December 2017**
Early works
- March 2018**
Major construction began
- January 2019**
Diamond Creek Road intersection upgraded
- July 2019**
Major construction complete
- October 2019**
Finishing works
- November 2019**
Landscaping complete
- March 2020**
Plenty church restored

Stage 2 project timeline

- October 2017**
Project announced
- October 2018**
Minister for Planning decided EES required
- Early 2019**
Minister for Planning set the draft scoping requirements for the EES
- 2019**
EES is prepared
- Early to Mid-2020**
Public exhibition of EES documentation
- Late 2020 to Early 2021**
Decision by the Minister for Planning

Protecting local wildlife



Habitat hollows and nest boxes

110 habitat hollows and 65 nest boxes installed to provide habitat for wildlife.



Kangaroo crossing signs

6 kangaroo signs installed to raise driver awareness about kangaroos in the area.



Wildlife rope bridge

76m rope bridge installed to provide safe crossing opportunity for arboreal marsupials.



Root balls in waterways

22 native hardwood root balls and 13 small pieces of timber placed in Barwon River to provide habitat for fish and improve waterway health.



Image: Fauna rope crossing

Creating greener spaces



Image: Basin with standard fence



Image: Basin with barb wire topped fence

Natural landscaping

We've landscaped with native plant species to assist with maintaining biodiversity in the local area.

Planting low maintenance indigenous species helps build natural habitat and adds to foraging trees for locally significant wildlife, such as the Swift Parrot, Sugar Glider and Brush-Tailed Phascogale. These species are known to use the local area and Plenty Gorge to forage.

Natural water drainage solutions

We've built 11 basins in Plenty. Basins are natural drains that collect and filter rainwater to reduce flooding and release water slowly into local waterways.

Each basin is protected by a 1.8m fence with a small locked gate to manage safety and access. The basins have been extensively planted as part of the landscaping process.

Benefiting the community



Chainsaw logs to CFA

Timber donated to Plenty CFA to train their members to safely use chainsaws.



Seed balls workshop

Series of seed ball making workshops held with junior school students as part of the school STEM program.



Private planting initiative

Natural resources consultants planted seedlings propagated from collected local seeds in participating residents' gardens.



Timber to Nillumbik Council for community projects

Timber donated to Nillumbik Shire Council to put towards community projects.



Mulch and firewood donated to community groups

Mulch and firewood donated to local schools, kindergartens, childcare centres and sporting groups.



Trees for the Wurundjeri community

13 Eucalypt trees donated to Wurundjeri for teaching the younger generation traditional cultural practices.



Above images: Artist impressions of mature landscaping around the Memorial Drive, River Avenue, Browns Lane and Kurruk Road intersections. Basin fencing, timber totems and benches not shown.

Leaving lasting legacies

Celebrating the unique character of Plenty through project legacy items that can be enjoyed by the community for a long time to come.

Plenty church restoration

We recognised the importance of this building to the local community and chose to relocate it to the newly established Plenty Historical Precinct as part of the project. The former church is now located next to another building of local historical significance, Plenty Hall.

The restored building will have:

- a reinforced structure and new roof
- refurbished external walls and windows
- new toilet facilities and a storage area
- water, electricity and sewer services connected
- an access ramp
- newly painted interior and exterior
- landscaping around the building.

Once fully completed, the building will be donated to Nillumbik Shire Council. The Plenty Historical Society will also assist in managing the building.

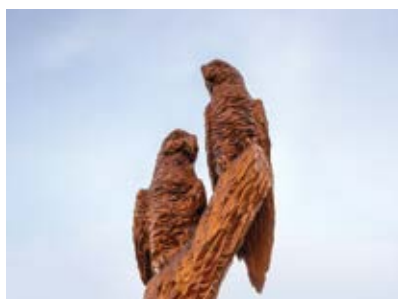


Above image: Artist impression of restored Plenty church

Timber totems

Based on community feedback, we engaged a local artist to create six timber totems that have been installed in the project area. You told us you wanted to see sculptures of animals native to the local area and Indigenous inspired carvings.

Three pairs of totems have been installed along Yan Yean Road – a pair of Swift Parrots and a footprint carving, a flaring Tiger Snake and sandhills carving, a Brush Tailed Phascogale and a shield carving.



Above images: Timber totems created by local artist, Leigh Conkie

Timber benches

We repurposed timber to create eight benches to put back in the area. One of the benches is a memorial bench that we've installed at the site of a local roadside memorial.

We engaged arborists to create these one of a kind natural timber benches for the Plenty community.

These benches have been strategically placed along Yan Yean Road in areas close to public transport and to provide rest spots on the walking and cycling paths.



Above images: Bench seats made from upcycled timber installed in the project area

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