



# BRIDGE INN ROAD UPGRADE

SPRING 2022



**We're upgrading Bridge Inn Road between Plenty and Yan Yean roads to help you get home sooner and safer.**

Major works are underway to add the new west bound lanes, install new traffic lights, upgrade intersections and start building the new bridge over Plenty River.

## What's been happening

We've installed drainage pipes and finished reconfiguring parking spaces at Mernda Station to allow room for the new lanes. Drivers can now park in the southern car park.

We've installed temporary safety barriers and temporary fencing along Bridge Inn Road to keep our workers and the community safe. We began preparations to build the new bridge over Plenty River in August and the construction of the new bridge foundations and retaining walls along the southern side of Bridge Inn Road will take place from September.



Making it easier and safer for you to walk or cycle around your local area



Enhancing connectivity to residential developments and employment opportunities in the north



Improving traffic flow to help you get home sooner and safer

*Image above: Building the new westbound lanes on Bridge Inn Road.*



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Earthworks continue along Bridge Inn Road

## What's coming up

Earthworks will continue along the southern side of Bridge Inn Road over the coming months. To build the new road, we need to remove over 67,000 cubic metres of dirt and rock. This is the equivalent of nearly 27 Olympic size swimming pools!

We've started building the foundations for the new bridge over Plenty River. We'll install 24 piles during the construction of the new bridge. Piling, which is the construction of columns in the ground that provide support for the bridge, will begin in the coming weeks. We're using a method known as bored piling, which generates less noise and vibration than other piling methods.

We're also building retaining walls between Towerhill Avenue and Vantage Point Boulevard, and between Resort and Independence boulevards. In other areas, we're installing new drainage pipes and relocating existing services.

We'll also soon begin construction of the new shared walking and cycling paths.

While we work, you may notice some noise, dust and vibration from construction machinery, as well as an increase in workers, construction vehicles, and equipment moving in and out of the work areas via our access routes.

While our construction methods are designed to minimise impacts on the community and nearby properties, piling can be noisy at times and may create ground vibrations. We'll continue to monitor noise and vibration during construction.

There may be changes to how you move around the area with road closures, lane closures, detours and speed reductions in place. Please follow any signage and the direction of our traffic controllers to help keep you and our workers safe.

Please get in touch with us on **1800 105 105** if you're experiencing discomfort at any time during these works.

## Building the road



We'll use 35-tonne excavators to dig out the soil



Rock hammers will break through the layers of underground rock



Once excavated, we'll build the lower layers of the road



Then, we'll install drainage and other important services



Finally, we'll install the upper layers of pavement, or road surface



## Preserving the heritage dry stone wall

In the area east of Plenty River, there are three historic dry stone walls dating back to the 1850s, in varying states of preservation. Dry stone walls were mainly used to define property boundaries in the mid-19th century, when settlers first bought land in the area.

The dry stone walls are important historical features in the City of Whittlesea and all efforts will be made to rebuild and repurpose the walls within the area.

We're following strict heritage guidelines and our project team is working with the City of Whittlesea, cultural heritage advisors and dry stone walling experts to ensure the removal, storage and reconstruction of the dry stone walls is managed carefully and appropriately.



## Bridge Inn applauds local enviro superstars

Little did we know when we reached out to Hazel Glen College to celebrate National Schools Tree Day on Friday 29 July, that the school had young environmental superstars on a quest to green their school.

The Grade 2 students were in the process of brainstorming ideas and raising funds to source seeds and plants to vegetate the school and local community. With the project team looking to donate native plants to a local school to help improve local amenity, it was the perfect partnership with students Danya, Imani, Isabella and Georgia taking the lead on planting.

Over 200 native plants were sourced from local social enterprise, Brite Nurseries, who provide training and employment to people living with disability.

*Image above: The Grade 2 girls led the planting activity and talked about their campaign at the school assembly.*

## Upcoming works

Work location	Type of work	Sep	Oct
Mernda Station to Plenty River	Work will commence behind barriers while we build the new section of the road and start construction on the new path from Mernda Station to Plenty Gorge.	●	●
Plenty River	Piling and construction work will continue behind barriers on the east and west banks of Plenty River as we build the foundations for the new bridge.	●	●
Towerhill Avenue to Vantage Point Boulevard	Piling will continue behind barriers and we'll start building the retaining wall. Earthworks and road construction activities will also commence behind barriers.	●	●
Vantage Point Boulevard to Resort Boulevard	Earthworks and road construction activities will continue behind the barriers in front of Ivanhoe Grammar School. Works across the driveway will occur during the school holidays.	●	●
Independence Boulevard	Piling will continue behind barriers and we'll start building the retaining wall.		●
Resort Boulevard to Independence Boulevard	Work will continue behind barriers while we build the new section of the road.	●	●
Independence Boulevard to Yan Yean Road	Work will continue behind barriers while we build the new section of the road.	●	●

● Day Works – 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 3pm, Saturdays

### Working with the community

In the coming months, we'll be out and about in your local area to provide you with updates about our works and answer any questions you might have.

### Pop in to visit the team

**Saturday 8 October 1pm to 4pm**

Laurimar Town Centre – in front of Tobacco Station  
101 Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen  
No RSVP required. Pop in any time.

### Staying informed

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