



BRIDGE INN ROAD UPGRADE

MARCH 2024

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

What's been happening

Since our last update, we've:

- upgraded and reopened Bassetts Road at Bridge Inn Road
- started building the shared walking and cycling paths on Bridge Inn Road between Schotters and Cookes roads
- started upgrading Painted Hills Road at Bridge Inn Road

- continued upgrading the existing eastbound lanes
- started converting the bluestone bridge over Plenty River to a dedicated walking and cycling path.

Bluestone bridge over Plenty River

Now that the new bridge over Plenty River is open with one lane in each direction, we're continuing works to have all four lanes on the 68-metre bridge open later in 2024. We've also turned our attention to converting the existing bluestone bridge into a shared walking and cycling path.

The original bluestone bridge over Plenty River in Mernda was built in 1867.

The three span bridge stood in its original form until 1975, when it underwent major rehabilitation to accommodate the increase in traffic demand and capacity.

Our works on the bluestone bridge will include:

- upgrading the handrails
- removing the existing asphalt
- building a new concrete deck while retaining the original heritage bluestone structure
- landscaping works.

Image above: A birds-eye view of works at Bassetts Road and Vantage Point Boulevard.



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What we're doing and when

Vantage Point Boulevard update

Works to upgrade the intersection of Vantage Point Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road are continuing. As part of these works we're building new lanes, kerbs and traffic islands, and installing new traffic signals. We're also relocating and protecting a range of critical underground services including gas, water, electricity and telecommunications.

Service relocations are some of our most challenging work, as they rely upon third-party asset owners who are responsible for managing and maintaining existing services right across metropolitan Melbourne.

Their availability is at times affected by storms, fire and flood, as is the case with the recent state-wide power outages following recent storms in Victoria. As a result, the works at Vantage Point Boulevard have been delayed and the intersection is now scheduled to reopen in late April 2024.

We're continuing to work with the utility asset owners to ensure this work is completed with minimal impact to services and the public.

Thank you for your continued patience while we complete these important works.

Bassetts Road is open

Bassetts Road is now open to traffic at Bridge Inn Road following major works to upgrade the intersection.

During the closure we installed drainage and kerbing, poured asphalt, prepared the intersection for traffic signals and built traffic islands.

The Bassetts Road intersection will operate with temporary give way signage until the traffic lights are switched on when Vantage Point Boulevard is reopened.

Temporary closure of Painted Hills Road

In early March we closed Painted Hills Road so we can safely upgrade the intersection and continue building the eastbound lanes. This closure will be in place until late June 2024.

Detours will be in place via Bassetts, Cookes and Yan Yean roads.

Construction impacts

Our construction activities may generate varying levels of noise, dust and vibration at times. We'll have measures in place to ensure these impacts are minimised.

Most our works will take place between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 5pm, Saturdays.

The progress of our works will depend on weather and ground conditions.

There will be intermittent lane closures on Bridge Inn Road over the next few months. When we need to work at night, we'll let you know ahead of time.

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