



Retaining wall featuring the Wadawurrung word 'Jerringot'

## Leaving a legacy

Art and design celebrating Wadawurrung cultural heritage is a key feature of the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade.

We engaged Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation to incorporate informed, meaningful design in the upgrade and to improve connections with Wadawurrung living cultural heritage and communities.

These contributions feature prominently around the bridge over the rail line, the 4km shared path and retaining wall near Settlement Road, including:

-  bridge wall panels patterned to represent vertically broken boomerang flanks
-  screens atop the bridge depicting a kunawarra (black swan) in flight
-  the retaining wall coloured to reflect the region's soil
-  fins on top of the retaining wall featuring the Wadawurrung word 'Jerringot', which means 'water all around'
-  etchings in the shared walking and cycling path of the footprints of native bird species including kunawarra, porronggitj (brolga), ibis, pelican and egret
-  interpretive sign structures installed along the shared path to provide information about the area, its native flora, fauna and Wadawurrung cultural significance.



Screens depicting a kunawarra



Etching of a native bird footprint

### Finishing touches

While major construction is complete, you may still notice crews undertaking finishing touches on the project until the end of July, including:

- finishing the final section of the shared walking and cycling path near Settlement Road
- planting and landscaping works.

Crews will also return later in the year to place the final layer of asphalt, which needs to be laid during warmer weather.

### Community thank you event

Major Road Projects Victoria and construction partners, Decmil, BMD Constructions and BildGroup, thank you for your patience and cooperation while we completed the upgrade!

Come and join us to celebrate the end of major works on the Barwon Heads Road.

#### Event details

Sunday 30 July  
11am to 2pm  
South Barwon Reserve



### Working together – our Community Reference Group

The Barwon Heads Road Upgrade's Community Reference Group (CRG) has been a fount of local knowledge and information, giving valuable feedback to the project team and raising questions on behalf of the community during construction.

The group provided advice on topics such as local pedestrian habits, access and helped MRPV with decisions such as temporary access in and out of South Barwon Reserve and landscaping resulting in more median strip planting.

MRPV thanks the 12 members who represented a range of groups including local residents, traders, cyclists and sporting clubs.

### Early opening welcomed

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are benefitting from safer, more reliable travel sooner than expected, with major works on the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade completed six months ahead of schedule.

The \$365 million project has added approximately four kilometres of extra lanes between Belmont and Charlemont to help cater for an anticipated 44,000 daily journeys by 2031.

Other improvements include intersection upgrades, four kilometres of new shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists, the removal of a level crossing and its replacement with a bridge over Marshall's rail line.


The completion announcement follows the opening of the Geelong-bound carriageway over the bridge at Marshall on 24 May.

The opening marked the first time traffic could flow in both directions for the full length of the upgrade since early works began in July 2021.

State Member for South Barwon Darren Cheeseman, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King, Federal Member for Corangamite Libby Coker and Victorian Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant welcomed the early completion.

Minister King joined members of the project team at an event along Barwon Heads Road in Marshall on 5 July to mark the milestone.

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Barwon Heads Road and Settlement Road intersection

## BARWON HEADS ROAD UPGRADE

JULY 2023



**The Barwon Heads Road Upgrade is complete, six months ahead of schedule!**

After starting major construction in late 2021, we've now added new lanes in each direction between Settlement and Reserve roads and upgraded key intersections to make your journey smoother, safer and more reliable.

**As part of the project, we've:**



added 4km of extra lanes on Barwon Heads Road



opened on-road cycling lanes in both directions



upgraded intersections, including installing new traffic lights at Crows, Barwarre, Marshalltown and Reserve roads



built a new shared walking and cycling path, including an underpass at the Waur Ponds Creek bridge to improve connectivity to South Barwon Reserve



removed the level crossing at Marshall with a new bridge over rail line



planted more than 118,000 native plants



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## PROJECT ACHIEVE- MENTS

681,000 hours worked

570 direct jobs created

1419 indirect jobs created

60,000 apprentice, trainee and cadet hours

19,000 Aboriginal employment hours

6 MONTHS ahead of schedule!



4km of new lanes make travel safer and more reliable.



Replacing the roundabout at Marshalltown Road with a signalised intersection.



New bridge over the rail at Marshall removes level crossing and reduces queuing.



New walking and cycling path encourages active transport options while improving connectivity.



Intersection upgrades with traffic lights for improved traffic flow, safety and side-road access.



South Barwon Reserve memorial upgraded with additional amenities.



Underpass at the Waurin Ponds Creek Bridge improves access to South Barwon Reserve.



Suspended section of path protects Jerrigot wetlands and enhances view.



Aboriginal design and art elements reflect local culture.



Raised sections of the road to improve flood resistance.