



# BRIDGE INN ROAD UPGRADE

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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 the intersection at Painted Hills and Bridge Inn roads
- continued upgrading Cookes Road and preparing the intersection for traffic signals
- opened sections of the new walking and cycling path
- finished asphaltting sections of the eastbound lanes on Bridge Inn Road
- installed balustrades and handrails on the new bridge over Plenty River
- started landscaping and installing safety barriers and new street lighting along Bridge Inn Road.

## Painted Hills Road now open

Painted Hills Road reopened in late June, following vital upgrade works. While the intersection was closed, we:

- relocated over 100 meters of underground telecommunications cables
- installed 70 meters of drainage and approximately 300 meters of new kerbs
- placed 800m<sup>2</sup> of soil
- laid 2,100m<sup>2</sup> of asphalt.

There are still some minor works taking place near the intersection while we continue works on the eastbound lanes.

*Image: Major works continue on the Bridge Inn Road Upgrade.*



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## Our progress to date

- ✓ Vantage Point Boulevard and Bassetts Road intersection
- ✓ Schotters Road and Mernda Station intersection
- ✓ Painted Hills Road and Independence Boulevard intersection
- ✓ Garden Road intersection
- ✓ Build new westbound lanes
- ✓ Towerhill Avenue intersection
- Cookes Road intersection
- Convert the bluestone bridge over Plenty River to a dedicated walking and cycling path
- Pedestrian crossing at Ivanhoe Grammar School
- Open all lanes between Plenty and Yan Yean roads
- Finishing touches (safety barriers, landscaping).



# WHAT'S COMING UP

## New walking and cycling bridge over Plenty River

We've been busy converting the historic bluestone bridge over Plenty River into a new shared walking and cycling path, to make it safer and easier to get you where you need to go.

The bridge and connecting walking and cycling paths will open later this year. Over the coming months we'll finish asphaltting, installing guard rail and landscaping, and start opening sections of the path when they're ready.

## Lexington Avenue, College and Station roads to reopen

When we open the eastbound lanes on Bridge Inn Road, we'll also reopen Lexington Avenue, College and Station roads at Bridge Inn Road, following long-term closures. Each of these roads will reopen in their permanent left in, left out arrangements.

During this time, upgrades have been made to each of the intersections to help tie them into the upgraded lanes on Bridge Inn Road. We thank you for your patience while these roads have been closed. We'll let you know before they reopen.

## Opening your new traffic lanes

Throughout 2024, we've been upgrading the existing eastbound lanes on Bridge Inn Road, after moving traffic onto the new westbound lanes late last year.

From September 2024, we'll start opening sections of the new traffic lanes over a number of weeks. These works will take place at night to minimise impacts on traffic. We'll let you know how you might be affected before these changes happen, and how these works will impact you.

*Image right: the newly upgraded intersection of Vantage Point Boulevard and Bassetts Road at Bridge Inn Road.*



## Swinging into action on Bridge Inn Road

Sometimes, we need to complete our vital works in difficult places and to ensure we don't cause unnecessary disruption, we have to think outside the box.

Recently, a crew of expert abseilers provided a high-flying solution to complete works on the historic bluestone bridge over Plenty River.

With these works complete, the project moves another step closer to giving pedestrians and cyclists safer, more reliable active transport connections to Mernda Train Station, local shops and schools.

*Image left: An abseiling team tended to repairs on the Plenty River bridge.*



## Permanent access changes

Last year, we informed you about the permanent access changes for certain local roads as part of the upgrade. From now until the end of the year, you'll start to notice these changes take effect as we open more sections of the road.

To improve safety and traffic flow, we need to restrict where cars can turn right across multiple lanes to access driveways and local side roads.



Scan the QR code to find out more about these changes and how they may affect the way to travel.

## 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.

## Stay informed

We'll continue to send you regular updates to let you know about upcoming works. You can also subscribe to receive emails or SMS updates at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads-subscribe](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads-subscribe) or by texting Bridge Inn to **0499 073 073**.

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*Image: Works continuing on the new and existing bridges over Plenty River.*

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