

EPPING ROAD UPGRADE

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Artist impression: Hayston Boulevard and Lyndarum Drive intersection

We're upgrading Epping Road to help you get home safer and sooner.

What's been happening

Since our last update, we've:

- moved into our construction support site office on the south side of Craigieburn Road East
- continued utility service protection and relocation
- started earthworks, topsoil stripping and rock removal behind barriers
- built temporary pavement and placed new road markings on High Street between Findon Road and Park Street
- started preparation works to upgrade the culvert at Findon Creek.

What we're doing and when

We've begun the work to upgrade the box culverts at Findon Creek and the drainage network in the creek to protect the road from flooding.

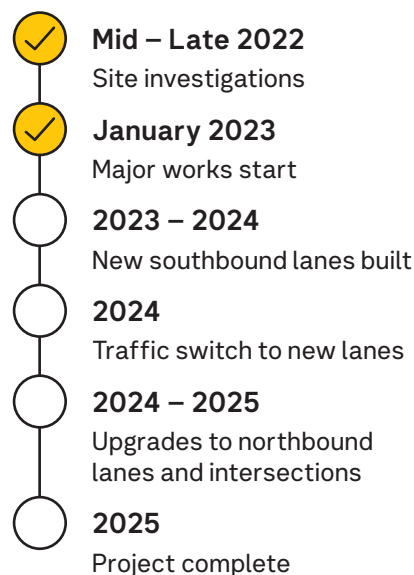
In the coming weeks, we'll construct two new culverts on the east side of Epping Road as the waterway crosses underneath Epping Road on both sides of Lehmanns Road. We'll also extend the existing culvert under Lehmanns Road, on the east side of Epping Road.

These large culvert units will be installed underneath the new Epping Road southbound lanes and Lehmanns Road eastbound lanes.

We've diverted Findon Creek with specialist pumps to keep areas dry while we work and protect the creek's flora, fauna, and water quality. Once the works are complete,

we'll landscape and revegetate the area around the creek to promote a healthy waterway.

Project timeline



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40km/h through construction zones saves lives

The speed limit on Epping Road between Craigieburn Road East and Memorial Avenue has been changed to 40km/h while we build the upgrade, to keep you and our workers safe.

There are still risks even when we're not working, including reduced lane widths, concrete safety barriers and deep excavations behind barriers. There may also be humps and drops in the road and soft road surfaces, which increase risks for drivers. Some of these dangers may be easy to spot during the day, but much harder at night.

These changes on Epping Road are all about getting you and our workers home safe.

Service relocations

In June we'll start relocating underground utility services along Epping Road, between Memorial Drive and Craigieburn Road East.

Service relocations are an important part of road construction. Before we lay new asphalt and complete line marking for the new southbound lanes, we need to build a solid road foundation which involves excavation, heavy machinery, and rock removal. Relocating underground utilities

ensures we minimise interruptions to services such as water, power, gas and telecommunication while we complete our works.

If we're working near your property or business, we'll be in touch with you before we start works.

To complete these works safely, we'll need to temporarily close some lanes, roads and footpaths.

We'll let you know of these changes ahead of time and detours will be in place.

Service relocations on the east side of Epping Road are expected to be complete towards the end of the year.

In 2024, we'll switch traffic onto the new southbound lanes and continue relocating utility services on the west side of Epping Road.



Did you know?

Box culverts are concrete box pipes that allow water to flow under roads, trails, and railways. They provide an effective way to manage stormwater.

These pipes are designed to prevent flooding of roadways and the surrounding areas by draining water to nearby creeks or rivers.

The culverts we're installing are up to 45 metres long, 16 metres wide and 2 metres high.



Image: A unit of the new box culvert

What to expect

Working hours

Most of our works will take place between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, and on Saturdays between 7am and 1pm. Some works may need to occur at night or on weekends to minimise impacts on traffic or utility services. If we need to work at night, we'll let you know ahead of time.

We'll move progressively along the road, and much of our work will take place behind traffic barriers to minimise disruptions to traffic and ensure the safety of our workers and the road users.

Traffic impacts

There will be ongoing traffic changes while we build the Epping Road Upgrade. These may include:

- road, lane and footpath closures and detours
- bike lane closures and detours
- bus stop closures
- speed limit reductions.

We'll contact you ahead of time if we may need to temporarily change on-street parking conditions or change the way you access your driveway. However, we'll maintain access to residents and businesses at all times.

Please observe on-road signage and the directions of our traffic controllers, so we can keep you and our workers safe.

Construction impacts

There will be some noise and vibration during construction. Noise and vibration may be generated from moving vehicles, machinery, digging trenches, rock breaking, piling, reversing beepers or generators used to power equipment.

We'll monitor noise, vibration, light towers and dust levels to ensure these impacts are kept to a minimum, especially at night. We'll contact ahead residents who are directly affected by works close to their property.

You may experience interruptions to your water, power, gas or telecommunication services while we complete vital service relocation works.

Your utility service providers will notify you ahead of any planned disruptions.



How does a passion for engineering start?

The Epping Road Upgrade team visited Epping Preschool to inspire the next generation of budding engineers.

The kids learnt all about road construction, from excavating the ground and paving asphalt to closing roads and diverting traffic.

Our little apprentices then put what they'd learnt to work and started familiarising themselves with toy excavators and assembling bridges with blocks.

The Epping Road Upgrade will benefit the preschool with extra lanes, improved walking and cycling paths.

Our team is working closely with the preschool during the works to keep them informed of any upcoming disruptions and maintain safe access. And you never know – we may just recruit some future engineers along the way!

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