

PAST HALF WAY



CRAIGIEBURN ROAD UPGRADE

SPRING 2023



We're upgrading Craigieburn Road between the Hume Highway and Mickleham Road to help you get home safer and sooner.

Winter works deliver more lanes

Eight weeks of intense 24/7 winter works concluded in August with the reopening of Craigieburn Road from Bridgewater Road to Hanson Road. This marked the half-way point for the Craigieburn Road Upgrade.

Extra lanes, an upgraded shared user path, new driveways and entrances for emergency and community service organisations have been opened in this busy section of Craigieburn Road.

The accelerated work program included the installation of major drainage upgrades, significant asphalt and re-surfacing works, kerbing, and new traffic signals.

Two lanes are now open in both directions between Selwyn Avenue and the Hume Highway, with works continuing behind barriers and with intermittent lane closures throughout 2024.

The left turn slip lane from Bridgewater Road to Craigieburn Road, and the Clovelly Drive intersection, opened on 13 September. With a new dedicated left turn lane from Craigieburn Road onto Bridgewater Road as well, traffic will flow more easily in this busy area.



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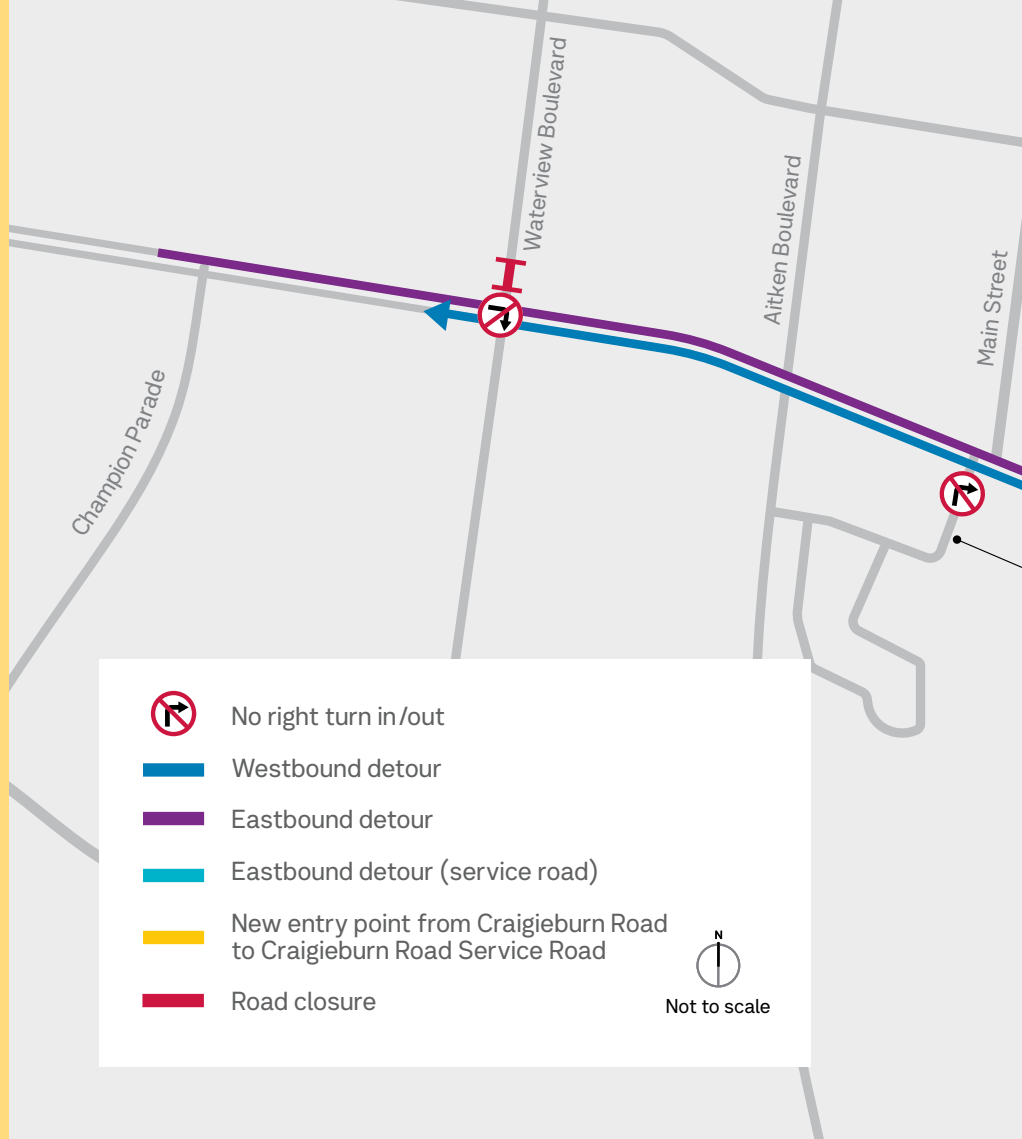


One million hours

Crews have clocked up a whopping 1 million hours on the Craigieburn Road Upgrade since work began two years ago.

With Craigieburn Road's new lanes quickly taking shape, we want to say thank you to everyone who is working to deliver the biggest road transformation the suburb's ever seen – and thank you to the community for your patience while we upgrade your roads.

Locals make up a huge proportion of the project team out delivering your new lanes on Craigieburn Road. We employ hundreds of people at any time, and contribute to the lives of thousand of others through local purchasing, sourcing of local suppliers, sub-contractors and materials.



Westbound traffic moves onto newly built lanes

As the Craigieburn Road Upgrade passes the half-way mark, westbound traffic has been moved onto the newly-built lanes on the westbound side of the road between Waterview Boulevard and Bridgewater Road.

Eastbound traffic continues to use the original road, with work on the eastbound side and intersections continuing behind barriers into 2024. Barriers are in place in the carriageway and left-turn-only safety provisions that are part of the final road design have begun. Restricting traffic from turning right across multiple lanes of oncoming traffic reduces the risk of accidents.

Three u-turns are now in place, at Lygon Drive, Bridgewater Road and Hanson Road, to allow for safe access to side roads. These complement the new signalised being built as part of the road upgrade.

McDonalds, 7-Eleven and Mobil, Red Rooster, local shops and eateries, and the Craigieburn Health Service are all still open for business, so please shop and eat local!

Over the coming months, work will focus on the western end of Craigieburn Road, between Mickleham road and Aitken Boulevard, and on Aitken Boulevard itself. At the eastern end, between Aitken Boulevard and the Hume Highway, utility providers will focus on removing power poles and completing power works.

To stay up-to-date with traffic impacts, please visit the Big Build's disruptions page or subscribe for weekly email updates from Major Road Projects Victoria.

Please note that changes may be made to these traffic conditions. Keep an eye out for signs and instructions from traffic controllers.

Waterview Boulevard intersection works

Waterview Boulevard is closed between Craigieburn Road and Harrington Avenue, to enable the construction works for the new signalised intersection. The boulevard will reopen in late December, providing more reliable access onto Craigieburn Road.

While works continue, Waterside Café remains open for lunch and coffee. Please support this café during our works.

Artist's impression of the completed Waterview Boulevard.





Who wants to be an engineer?

The project team paid a visit to the Craigieburn Early Learning Centre recently to teach our youngest recruits how roads help their communities stay connected. The busy mini-engineers built their own roads using play blocks and construction vehicles.

Colouring and activity sheets were a big hit, and Fulton Hogan engineer and author Samantha Dungey read her book *I Want To Be An Engineer*. Each child got to take a book home to remember the experience!

Craigieburn SES volunteers temporary swap during winter works

Craigieburn SES volunteers swapped their permanent base for a temporary operational hub during our winter works to fast-track new lanes on Craigieburn Road.

The temporary relocation ensured the unit could respond to the most urgent and time-critical emergency cases without being impacted by the winter works.

The Craigieburn SES unit services the local government area of Hume City Council and attends an average of 300 requests for assistance each year, including road rescue response.

Members of the Craigieburn unit joined the upgrade to say thank you for coordinating their temporary relocation to the project's Lygon Drive HQ.



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