



UPGRADE UNDERWAY

CLYDE ROAD UPGRADE

APRIL 2024

The Clyde Road Upgrade is underway, with crews currently working at night to reduce disruption while they protect a major gas transmission pipeline that runs under Clyde Road from Kangan Drive.

To protect the gas pipeline, a team of specialist crews must carefully cut and remove pieces of the road surface using a cutting machine and excavator, while taking great care not to disturb the existing pipework.

Following this, a new concrete protection slab is poured and cured to provide long lasting protection to this important asset prior to major works starting later this year.

Protection of the pipeline and relocation of underground services is needed to make room for the new lanes and shared walking and cycling path along Clyde Road.

It also minimises the risk of a service disruption during major works.

So far, we've made great progress – but there's still lots to do – including works to relocate water services along a section of Kangan Drive.

These works are scheduled to kick off in May and will include a lane reduction on Kangan Drive near Clyde Road, along with minor pedestrian detours. During this time, we'll also have crews working along Clyde Road to continue relocating underground power services.

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Image above: Crews carefully cut into the road surface to expose the gas pipeline



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Crews drilling boreholes on the Princes Freeway

Meet our team

Christine recently moved to Melbourne from New South Wales to join our major works construction partner, Seymour Whyte, as their Project Communications Manager.

If you contact the project team, Christine will likely be the person you'll be connected to.

Each day Christine works with the project team to minimise impacts to stakeholders, and to ensure they remain informed and considered throughout works.

“Disruptions are inevitable on any project, but that doesn't mean we can't find ways to minimise them,” says Christine.

When Christine isn't head to toe in hi-vis, you'll find her pursuing her passion for music.

“I've been performing for years, but I still get a buzz each time I'm on stage connecting with an audience. There's nothing quite like it,” says Christine.

Christine is just one of the talented people we have working on the project, and we'll introduce you to others as works continue.

Layer upon layer

There are many layers to consider when building a road, including those beneath the surface.

Before we can start major construction, we need to better understand the ground that we'll be building on.

To get this information, we've drilled a series of narrow holes into the earth known as boreholes, each ranging from **8 to 25 metres** in depth.

Each borehole provides us with a sample that tells us what the ground is made of. This vital information is then used to help inform the construction methods required to deliver the upgrade.

Considering the environment

We've designed the Clyde Road Upgrade to minimise impact to the local environment as much as possible.

However, to make room for the new lanes and widening of the overpass on the Princes Freeway we need to remove some vegetation.

As works ramp up, we'll continue to review our designs and construction methods to find practical solutions to further reduce tree and vegetation removal where possible.

We're also in the process of finalising our landscaping plans which will see us plant lots of new trees, shrubs and grasses at the end of the project.



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