

Friday, 5 October 2018

Start of works on the Drysdale Bypass

Dear St Ignatius College,

The contract to construct the Drysdale Bypass has been awarded to construction group Decmil. The new 6km bypass, from Jetty Road to north of Whitcombes Road, will relieve congestion and improve safety in Drysdale's town centre.

The project also includes a shared-user path, a rail overpass and a pedestrian underpass.

About the upgrade

The Drysdale Bypass will give locals and visitors more efficient journeys on the Bellarine Peninsula. You'll enjoy the benefits of:

- fewer trucks on High Street, making the centre of Drysdale safer
- less congestion at peak times at the intersection of Portarlington, Grubb and Jetty roads
- smoother travel along the Bellarine Peninsula, especially during holiday season.
- safer access to schools
- time savings for commuting businesses.

When and where

Initial project works, including fencing and earthworks will be undertaken in the coming weeks at various points along the alignment.

A site office will soon be established in Clarendon Road with a site compound to be constructed on Princess Street.

Works will take place during standard working hours:

- Monday to Friday, 7am–6pm
- Saturdays, 7am–1pm.

If planned works are required outside of these standard working hours, we will notify all affected residents in advance.

How the works may affect you

To safely carry out the works, we will:

- plan our traffic management to minimise the impact at peak traffic times
- install temporary traffic barriers and signage in the works zone
- maintain access for residents during construction
- monitor noise and dust levels.

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Vegetation

To prepare the ground for construction we will need to remove some trees and vegetation in line with our Environmental Management Plan. Tree protection zones and no-go zones will preserve sensitive vegetation and cultural heritage sites, in line with our Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

Works to remove trees and vegetation will commence between Drakes Road and Murradoc Road, before moving to the area near Grubb Road and Andersons Road - clearing the area for the new Peninsula Drive. Clearing activities will then continue along the length of the alignment.

During the planning of the Drysdale Bypass, we worked closely with Bellarine Landcare. Together, we developed an Indigenous landscaping plan to ensure that once the project is complete, the area will be suitably revegetated with a significant number of Indigenous plants and trees.

Truck movements

The bypass is being constructed by re-using materials from the road alignment, meaning we will transport some dirt from the higher areas near Drakes Road through to the lower areas near the new Peninsula Drive site.

You may notice an increase in truck movements through Drakes Road, High Street, Grubb Road and Andersons Road during construction.

We will be conducting these works outside of peak periods to minimise impacts to traffic.

Have a question?

The construction team is in the process of contacting directly affected residents to discuss the work near their properties, and to understand access arrangements.

If you have any questions or want to register for project updates, email contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au. You can also call us on 1800 105 105, or visit our project office at 230-242 Colac Road, Highton.

Thank you for your support and patience while we complete this important project.

**Drysdale Bypass
Project Team**

