



NOTIFICATION FOR RESIDENTS

BURRA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

BURRA 'S' BENDS - MAY TO NOVEMBER 2020

Roadworks on Burra Road

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council will be upgrading approximately 1.7km of Burra Road between Little Burra Road and London Bridge Road. This section of road is often referred to as the "Burra 'S' Bends".

Burra Road primarily serves local residents, but is also a link between the greater Queanbeyan area and Michelago, through to the Snowy-Monaro region.

The road experiences a moderate traffic flow, with an average daily traffic rate of approximately 1,000 vehicles. This includes locals, tourists and some heavy vehicles.

Working hours

The construction will take place as follows:

- 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday; and
- 7am to 1pm, Saturdays (if necessary).

Only the following approved work is permitted outside these days and hours:

- The delivery of materials which is required outside hours and as requested by police or other authorities for safety reasons; and
- Emergency safety work to reduce the risk of harm to staff, drivers, property and the environment.

Who is involved in this project?

Council is coordinating the works, primarily using its own resources. Council will engage sub-contractors for some aspects of the project including the hire of additional large machinery, bitumen sealing, line marking and traffic control.

How is the work being scheduled?

Council will begin preliminary activities on **Monday 11 May 2020**.

Preliminary activities will include site establishment, utility adjustment, fencing, installation of erosion and sediment control measures, and clearing works.

The preliminary activities will be followed by the main construction works which will involve staged culvert drainage installation along the entire 1.7km work zone and the start of earthworks to construct the road formation.

The final stages of the works will include kerb and guttering, pavement construction, pavement sealing, line marking and the installation of guardrails and signage.

The project is anticipated to take approximately six months and is expected to be completed by the end of November 2020, weather permitting.



Community engagement



Planning for the Burra 'S' Bends project has been ongoing for many years while funding sources have been explored, relevant flora and fauna studies undertaken and government approvals sought.

Council has previously released a number of documents to the community for input. In late 2019, a series of detailed drawings and draft environmental reports were made available for review by Burra Landcare. The documents were the subject of articles in *The Intermittent* and have previously been published online at: <https://burracommunity.org.au/landcare>

Council staff have met with landowners whose properties are most directly impacted by the works to discuss service relocations, fencing adjustments and land acquisitions where necessary. The extent of the works has been marked with red flagging.

Key elements of the project

Surveying of the existing alignment and design work for the new road with some degree of realignment has been completed. Other elements of the project include:

- Clearing of the new construction footprint
- Earthworks to shape batters and form the road
- Construction of drainage to protect the road from flooding events
- Construction of the new road pavement using a flexible gravel pavement
- Sealing of the road surface for waterproofing
- Installation of line marking and signage for road safety requirements.

Flora and fauna

In planning for the project, studies have been undertaken in regard to threatened flora species, Aboriginal or heritage items, threatened ecological communities, threatened fauna species, fauna habitat (including hollow-bearing trees, fallen timber and other large woody debris, and native tree and shrub canopy).

Hollow-bearing trees, such as the one shown in the photo below, have been inspected and assessed. A breeding cockatoo survey was completed and a letter of approval to proceed has been granted.

Below: Hollow-bearing trees have been inspected and marked with pink ribbons. If a tree is within the clearing limits, an ecologist is to be present to remove the tree as a mitigation measure.



Map of Burra 'S' Bends roadworks

The work will upgrade approximately 1.7km of Burra Road between Little Burra Road in the north to London Bridge Road in the south.





The impact to drivers and access to residential properties

We aim to ensure that access to and from Burra via Burra Road will be maintained at all times. Diversions via Williamsdale Road should not be necessary.

During the construction works, temporary speed limits will be enforced. Reduced limits will be clearly signposted and may vary depending on the location of the works at the time. Variable message boards will be placed on the approaches to the construction area.

It is proposed to undertake all construction works with traffic travelling through the site at reduced speeds. This will require traffic controllers to be in place during the day. At night, temporary traffic lights restricting travel to one lane at a time may also be necessary. Delays of up to 10 minutes may be expected. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience. Efforts will be made to minimise disruptions during peak hours.

Council will take all practical steps to keep residential access clear to all properties along the length of the construction. However, there may be some instances where the works may temporarily interrupt residential access. Notification will be provided to respective residents prior to the restrictions being put in place.

If any access issues arise during the construction, please contact Martin Edwards – Team Leader Transport Construction West, 0437 485 746, or email martin.edwards@qprc.nsw.gov.au



Bus stop

The bus stop at the corner of Little Burra Road is not supported by local bus companies and is rarely used. Council is investigating the option of relocating the bus shelter to the corner of London Bridge Road and formalising what is currently an informal bus stop.

Further detail


Further detail about the project such as detailed design drawings and the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) can be found on the project page on the QPRC website at:

www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Burra-S-Bends

Contact information




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