



Community Update | Summer 2022-23

Barton Highway Upgrade



| Work continues on laying the road foundation layers on the new northbound carriageway looking towards the ACT border.

The Australian Government and NSW Government have together committed \$200 million towards the upgrade of the Barton Highway, with \$150 million provided by the Australian Government and \$50 million by the NSW Government. This work will improve road safety while enhancing tourism, driving economic growth and creating vibrant regional spaces.

What we're doing

Work is continuing on the first stage of the Barton Highway duplication despite October 2022 being the wettest October on record with a total of 200 millimetres of rainfall on site. The project team has not let this dampen their spirits with work continuing at full pace as soon as the sunshine returns between showers.

Since September we have:

- completed earthwork and road foundation layers from Church Lane to Gooromon Ponds and Anchow Hill Lane turnaround bay
- completed road foundation layers north of Rolfe Road to Boundary Lane
- installed drainage pipe across Spring Range Road
- modified the dam at the northern end near Kaveney's Road
- installed subsoil drainage, rock retaining walls and open drains
- continued placing topsoil and hydroseed, a mixture of native grass seeds and fertiliser.



Improving
safety



Reduced
travel times



Boost freight
productivity

What's coming up

- completing road foundations from Church Lane to Rolfe Road
- placing the remainder of bulk earthwork for the new two-lane carriageway
- installing stormwater drainage pipes
- placing rock walls to protect drainage channels and pipe outlets
- upgrading Church Lane, Rolfe Road and Nanima Road intersections
- completing road foundation layers from Briarwood Lane to Spring Range Road
- topsoiling and hydroseeding work
- placing the gravel road base
- installing new guardrails.

The total quantity of work is now:



192,000m³
of earthworks completed



5890 metres
of drainage pipes installed



38,200m²
of spray seal placed



115,500m²
of hydroseed sprayed

Field Days a great event

Thank you to those who visited us at the 2022 Murrumbateman Field Days.

More than 600 visitors popped into the Barton Highway tent for a yarn. Visitors were happy to find out how Stage 1 work was progressing and learn the latest updates from the Stage 2 development team.

Transport separately conducted a 'Be Truck Aware' public education campaign. The campaign urges all road users to take extra care around trucks, a timely reminder as we come into the busy holiday period.

The display included an interactive and fully supervised engagement activity with a new water tank truck, to demonstrate line of sight from large vehicles driving along the Barton Highway.

Thank you to everyone who made this event a great success.

We are looking forward to 2023 already!



The Be Truck Aware display at this year's Murrumbateman Field Days.

Work starts on southern interim tie-in

Work has started on the southern interim tie-in connecting the existing ACT carriageway with the duplicated highway.

Temporary concrete barriers have been placed on the road shoulder as we continue to widen the road. The interim tie-in includes installing about 800 metres of wire rope barrier in the median, running from Victoria Street until the road separates in the dual carriageway.

The tie-in is a temporary measure with further work to be carried out on a final design.



An excavator places material for the road widening looking south towards the Victoria Street

Dam modification

During October, the small dam located at the northern end of the project near Kaveneys Road was modified to allow the revised road alignment to be built.

The dam is home to several different species of frogs. With an ecologist present to help with frog relocation, and some intricate and delicate earthwork, a new dam wall was built and about half the dam was retained.

This is a great example of the project team working together with specialist consultants to help preserve the natural environment as best as possible.



| An ecologist oversees dam weed removal with a 20-tonne excavator.

What we're doing on Stage 2

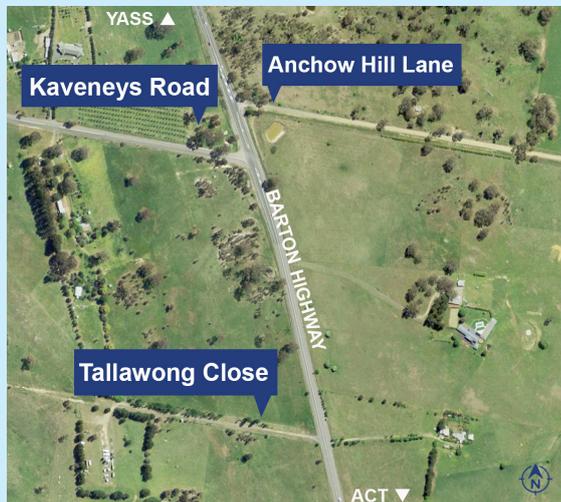
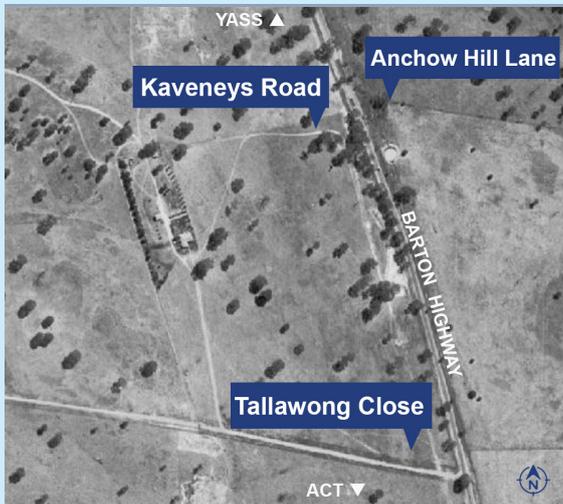
Road investigations

Early investigations have started between Kaveneys and Gooda Creek roads. These investigations involve drilling to mark the location of underground utilities to better understand the ground conditions at the proposed site. The information collected from these investigations will help us plan for the Stage 2 corridor.

Kaveneys Road intersection development

Our Stage 2 development team is continuing to work closely with the community to ensure areas of significance remain protected for the broader community.

Our team came across these aerial views that show the changing landscape where the Barton Highway and Kaveneys Road at Jeir have intersected over the decades.



| Above 1967 aerial photo and current aerial of Kaveneys Road and Barton Highway intersection.

Next steps

We are working to complete the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) report. This involves carrying out further investigations to understand the project area.

The concept design and REF are expected to go on display for community feedback in mid-2023. During this time, we plan to hold information displays so you can view the designs and discuss the project with the Stage 2 development team.

To keep updated on the progress of the Barton Highway Upgrade, email barton.highway@transport.nsw.gov.au and ask to subscribe to our email updates.

Tree planting success

Over 960 trees and shrubs were planted along the Barton Highway corridor at a community event in late August.

Local community members, Scouts, local Landcare groups, Traditional Owners and Transport staff planted trees and shrubs that will help provide habitat connectivity along the western side of the dual carriageway.

Seedlings were planted across nine sites to create stepping stones of the box gum grassy woodland which are expected to grow significantly over the next few months following the spring rainfall.

The chosen species will create critically endangered ecological community of the box gum grassy woodland of which there is only 10 per cent estimated to be left in reasonable condition.



960 native trees and shrubs planted



| Some of our amazing volunteers who helped us plant over 900 trees along the new carriageway.

Contact us

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