

# Dignams Creek Princes Highway upgrade

Community update

December 2018



Looking south west over completed section of highway upgrade, Dignams Creek

The Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek has reached a major milestone with motorists now able to travel along a new two kilometre section.

## Traffic Switch

Traffic has now moved from the existing highway onto more than two kilometres of improved road alignment.

Motorists can expect a smoother journey as they drive on part of a wider and safer section of highway. Work on the upgrade will be put on hold from

22 December with work resuming on 7 January 2019 to minimise disruption for motorists during the holidays.

Dignams Creek Road Bridge and Dignams Creek Bridge are now complete. The remaining work at the northern end of the project will continue in the New Year.



**Improving  
safety**



**Improve  
road alignment**



## Supporting the local Aboriginal community

Roads and Maritime Services has been working with Wallaga Lake Koori Village throughout the highway upgrade.

Excess fill from the earthworks of this project was donated to the community to level the sloping land for the construction of a new children's playground.

***"The Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council would like to thank and acknowledge the assistance provided by all parties involved in the Dignams Creek upgrade... Without their invaluable assistance, the site for the Wallaga Lake Koori Village children's playground would have not been prepared and completed."***

***The Kids at Wallaga, their friends and family are enjoying the playground which officially opened on 13 December 2018."***

Terry Hill CEO Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council

## Supporting community initiatives

Excess fill was also donated to other local community projects in the Bega Valley.

Projects included improving the Cobargo Showground for the upcoming Folk Festival in March 2019 and providing fill for a new children's BMX track in Cobargo.

The BMX track took three weeks to build and opened in November 2018. About 1000 tonnes of donated fill from the Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek was used to complete the track.



Wallaga Lake Koori Village new children's playground



Children test out new BMX track in Cobargo



Wallaga Lake Koori Village new children's playground



Improved land at Cobargo Showground





Temporary access to Dignams Creek Road via Princes Highway

## What's next?

Upcoming work will involve:

- Road surface and drainage work at the northern end
- Completion of new Dignams Creek Road intersection
- Installation of interpretative heritage signage for local residents and visitors

Dry conditions caused by the drought and winter frost affected the landscape surrounding the new highway alignment.

Some rainfall in recent months has revived the landscape and revegetation work in coming months will reintroduce key plants.

Most of the existing highway will be revegetated and added to Gulaga National Park.

A new wildlife underpass has been installed to connect Kooraban National Park and Gulaga National Park as part of the project.



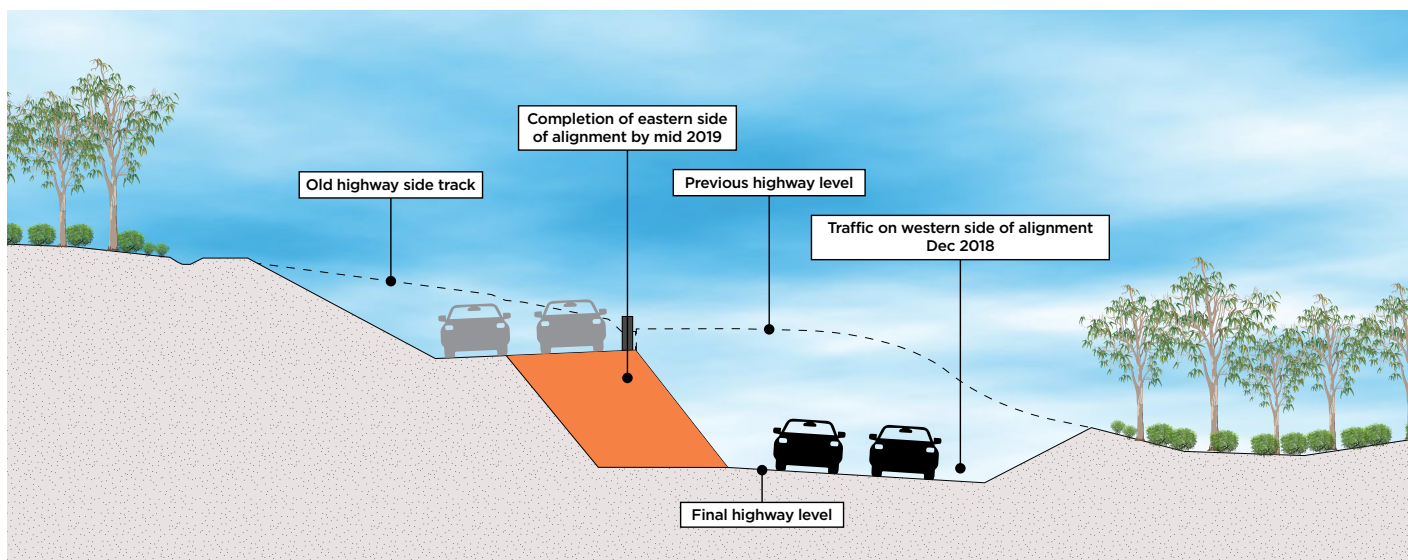
Looking north over new alignment from near Dignams Creek (September 2018)



Looking north from the new Dignams Creek Bridge before traffic moved (December 2018)



Looking north over new alignment from near Dignams Creek (November 2018)



Artist impression of traffic moving on western side of alignment at northern end of the project



## Traffic Arrangements

Traffic has moved to the western side of the alignment at the northern end of the project. Work will continue on the eastern side in coming months.

Temporary access to Dignams Creek Road is available via the existing Princes Highway. A new Princes Highway and Dignams Creek Road intersection will open when the project is complete.

For the safety of road users and our workers, the speed limit on the Princes Highway may be reduced through the worksite at Dignams Creek. Stop/slow traffic control may also be needed from time to time to keep the worksite safe. We will keep any delays to a minimum.

## Community enquiries and feedback



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