



# Macquarie Park Community Update

Transport for NSW | March 2022

The Australian and NSW Governments are investing in Macquarie Park to improve public transport and the road network.

Transport for NSW continues work on Herring Road to install a dedicated northbound bus lane and upgrade three intersections at Epping Road, Ivanhoe Place and Waterloo Road. We plan to complete these improvements by late 2022.

Our work will improve the reliability and efficiency of bus services, reduce travel times, ease congestion, and make it easier to get in, around and from Macquarie Park.

## What you will see in this update:

- recently completed work
- upcoming work activities
- our work schedule
- where to keep up to date and how

## What have we achieved?

- widened the road to install the new and extended lanes at Epping Road and Herring Road intersection
- resurfaced Herring Road between Epping Road and Windsor Drive
- relocated telecommunication and electrical cables
- installed new stormwater drainage along Herring Road and the Waterloo Road intersection
- installed new drainage and streetlights between Epping Road and Waterloo Road
- installed new footpaths along Herring Road and Epping Road.

### Making Macquarie Park a better place to live, work and play



New traffic lights will improve traffic flow at Ivanhoe Place and Herring Road intersection



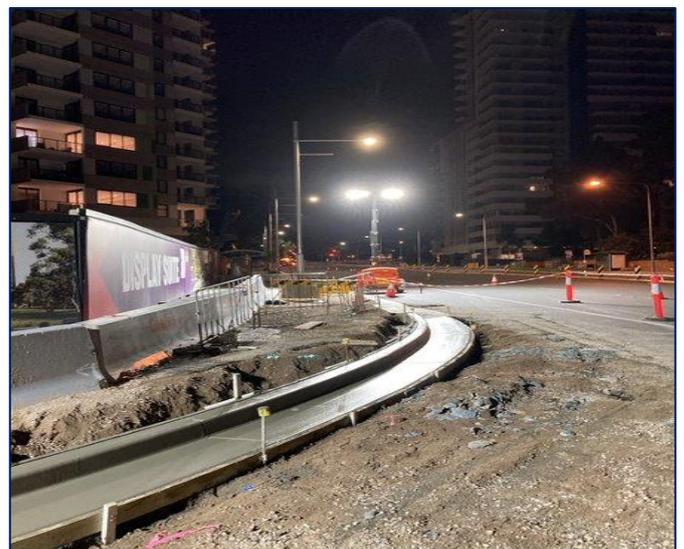
**650 tonnes of concrete recycled** since October 2021



**60%** of Herring Road's kerb work complete



**16 different native plant species** planted along Herring Road, as advised by the City of Ryde.



*New kerb at the Ivanhoe Place and Herring Road intersection.*

## What's next?

From **Sunday 27 March** to **Thursday 23 June 2022**, we will work up to five nights a week to:

- resurface the Epping and Herring Road intersection and University Avenue
- replace the roundabout with traffic lights at the Herring Road and Ivanhoe Place intersection
- continue building pram ramps at the Epping Road and Herring Road intersection and University Avenue
- continue to relocate water and telecommunications, widen the road, build kerb and install new streetlights.

### Vacuum trucks – *what are they and why are they necessary?*

Vacuum trucks allow us to safely expose and excavate near underground services such as telecommunication cables by using a high-pressure jet of water and suction to loosen and then remove dirt and debris. It is safer than using an excavator, which could hit a cable or pipe accidentally.

We know these trucks can be disruptive and have a high-pitched whining sound when in use. We limit its noise by using noise blankets and the long excavation nozzle (pictured on the right).

We expect to be using fewer of them over the coming months as we near the completion of our utility relocation work.

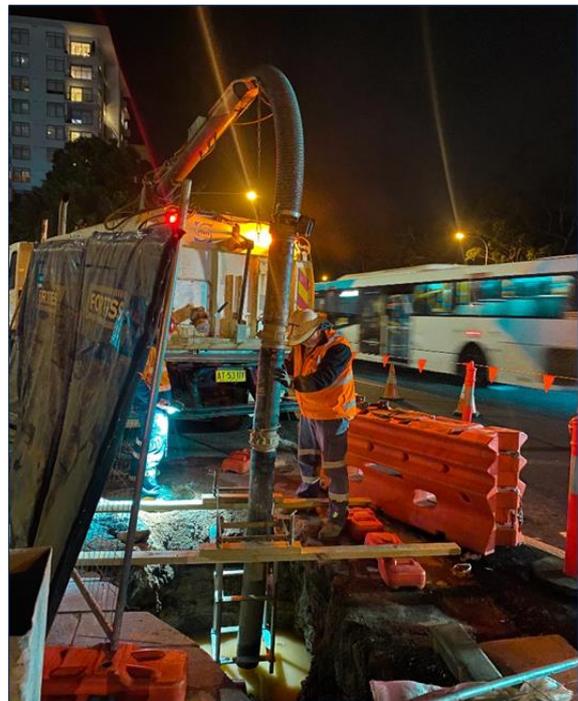
## Our work schedule

- We need to work at night to lessen traffic disruption and protect our workers and the public on these busy roads.
- Our night work hours remain the same and are between **8pm to 5am** on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

We work hard to reduce noise as much as possible by stopping our noisiest work by midnight. These noisy activities include saw-cutting, jack hammering and the breaking up of concrete. Other less noisy, but still audible activities can continue until 5am. These activities can include the sucking of a vacuum truck and the digging from an excavator.

Other ways we try to reduce noise for the community is by:

- using noise blankets around equipment where possible
- selecting less noisy equipment
- switching off equipment when not in use
- monitoring our construction noise levels.



*A vacuum truck working its way through dirt and debris, shielded by noise blankets*

## New traffic lights at the Ivanhoe Place and Herring Road intersection

We will be turning on the traffic lights at the intersection of Ivanhoe Place and Herring Road in late April.

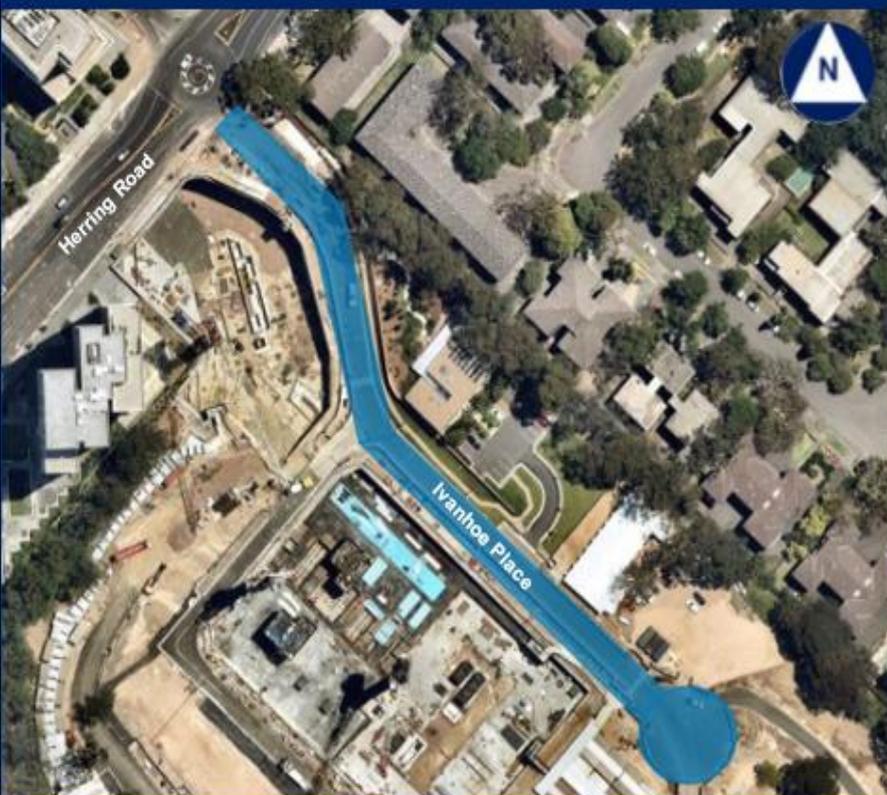
The new lights will replace the existing roundabout and will improve traffic flow as the population grows.

The upgraded intersection will provide pedestrians with a safer north-south crossing between Epping Road and Waterloo Road.

We will use electronic sign boards along Herring Road and near Ivanhoe Place to help motorists and pedestrians get used to the changes before we switch the lights on.



Ivanhoe Place cul-de-sac, Macquarie Park



## Traffic changes

Motorists who previously used the roundabout to change their direction of travel will soon be able to use the signalised intersection and Ivanhoe Place cul-de-sac instead.

The upgraded intersection includes:

- a dedicated right turn lane from Herring Road into Morling College.
- a dedicated right turn lane from Herring Road into Ivanhoe Place.
- a new left turn slip lane out of Ivanhoe Place onto Herring Road, with a zebra crossing for pedestrians.
- two dedicated right turn lanes out of Ivanhoe Place onto Herring Road.
- a dedicated right turn lane out of Morling College onto Herring Road.



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## Asbestos removal

We have found asbestos contaminated material under the road, footpath and in the verge during our excavation work. To make sure there is no risk to the community and our workers we:

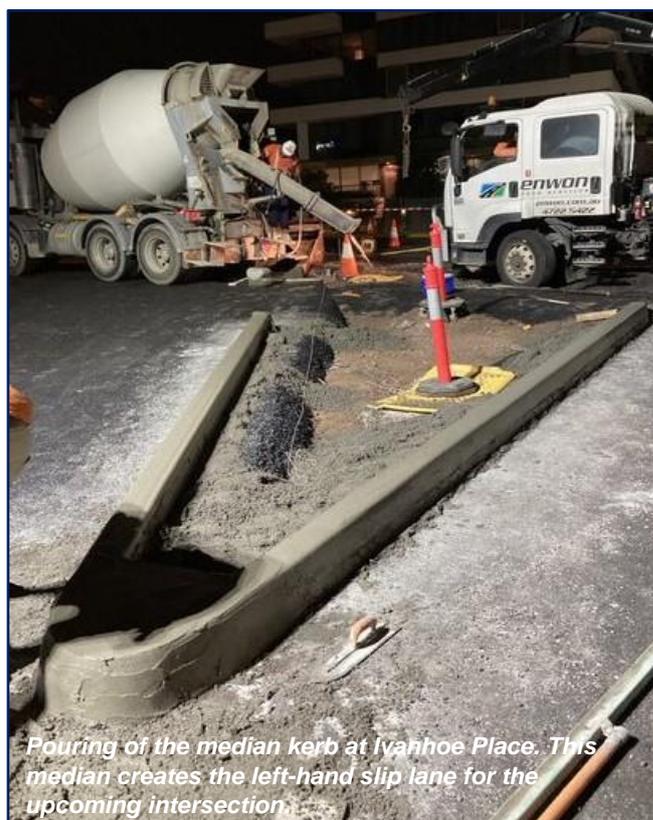
- implement an asbestos management plan that details safe work practices
- make sure the asbestos does not present an immediate safety risk
- follow all Environment Protection Authority and SafeWork NSW requirements for removal of asbestos material
- maintain strict safety precautions during the removal including workers wearing protective suits and masks and the work area being isolated with safety fences and asbestos warning signs
- send the material to a licensed asbestos disposal facility.

The construction activities map on our webpage [nswroads.work/macpark](http://nswroads.work/macpark) has information about when and where we will remove asbestos.

## Keeping our community informed

You can read more about our construction activities and duration of work on our website at [nswroads.work/macpark](http://nswroads.work/macpark) which we update monthly.

We know our work can disturb road users and residents. We thank you for your continued patience and for using caution around the areas of work.



*Pouring of the median kerb at Ivanhoe Place. This median creates the left-hand slip lane for the upcoming intersection.*

### Contact us

To ensure we protect public health and safety during the Coronavirus outbreak, we need to change the way we engage with the community. Please be assured we will continue to respond to any questions or concerns you may have about our work.

If you have any questions, please contact our delivery partner Georgiou on:

-  1800 956 495
-  [macquariepark.community@georgiou.com.au](mailto:macquariepark.community@georgiou.com.au)
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