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Katoomba to Mount Victoria safety upgrade – Blackheath

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Artists impression looking west from Hargraves Street

The Australian and New South Wales governments are upgrading the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow for easier, faster and safer travel.

Roads and Maritime Services is continuing work on the safety upgrade at Blackheath. This is the final section of work to be delivered under the \$250 million Katoomba to Lithgow safety upgrades package. Road users are experiencing safer journeys on upgrades which are now open to traffic at Forty Bends, Hartley Valley and Mount Victoria village.

Work commenced in December 2018 and is on track to be complete and open to traffic in late 2019, weather permitting.

Over the next two months we are planning to complete the following activities:

- connecting the remaining watermains
- pavement widening
- kerb and guttering
- stabilising the road cutting to the east of Jellicoe Street.

We need to carry out asphaltting work at night to minimise disruption to traffic. We have deferred this work during the cold winter months until October when warmer weather conditions are expected. We will also carry out key landscaping work at this time.



Road and kerb construction near Prince George Street looking west along the Great Western Highway

Project benefits of the safety upgrade

The safety upgrade will improve traffic flow and road user safety at several intersections along the Great Western Highway, including the main intersection in Blackheath at Govetts Leap Road and Bundarra Street.

The design for this intersection includes right and left turn bays to:

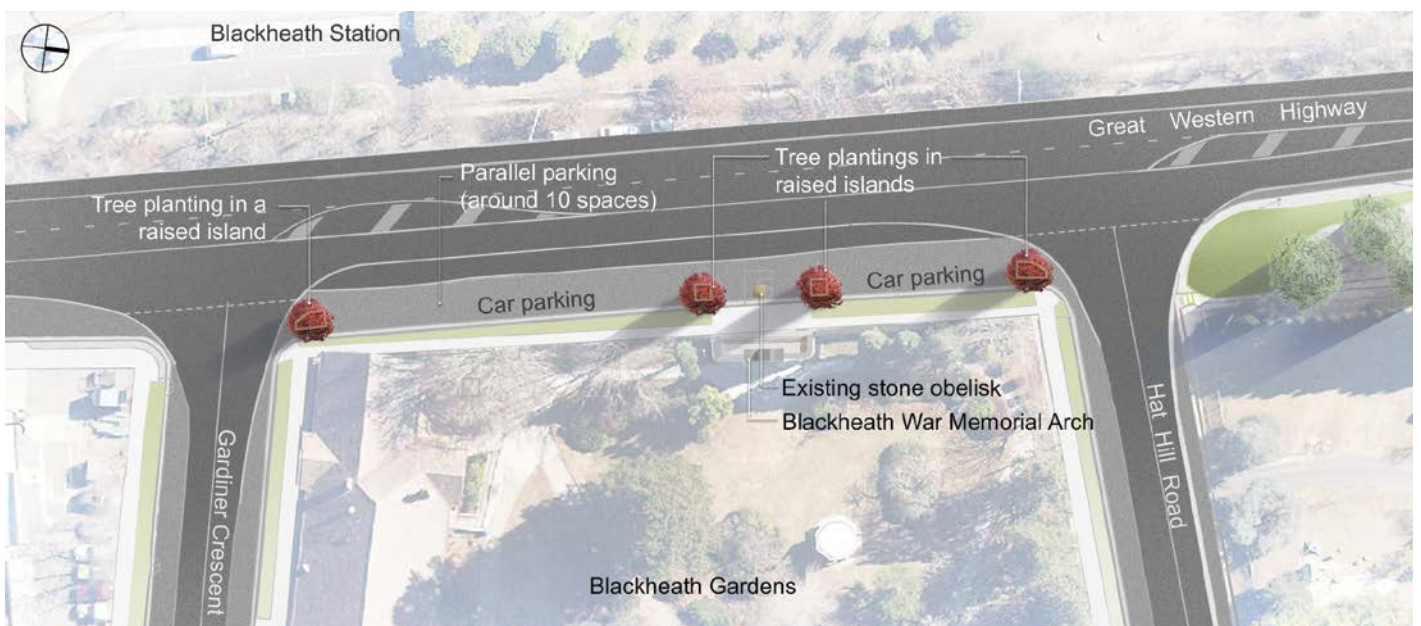
- reduce rear end crashes by moving vehicles waiting to turn right out of the path of through traffic
- improve traffic flow, allowing drivers to travel through Blackheath at a consistent speed.

The traffic lights signals have been installed with the turn lanes to be implemented in late 2019.

Changes at Blackheath memorial

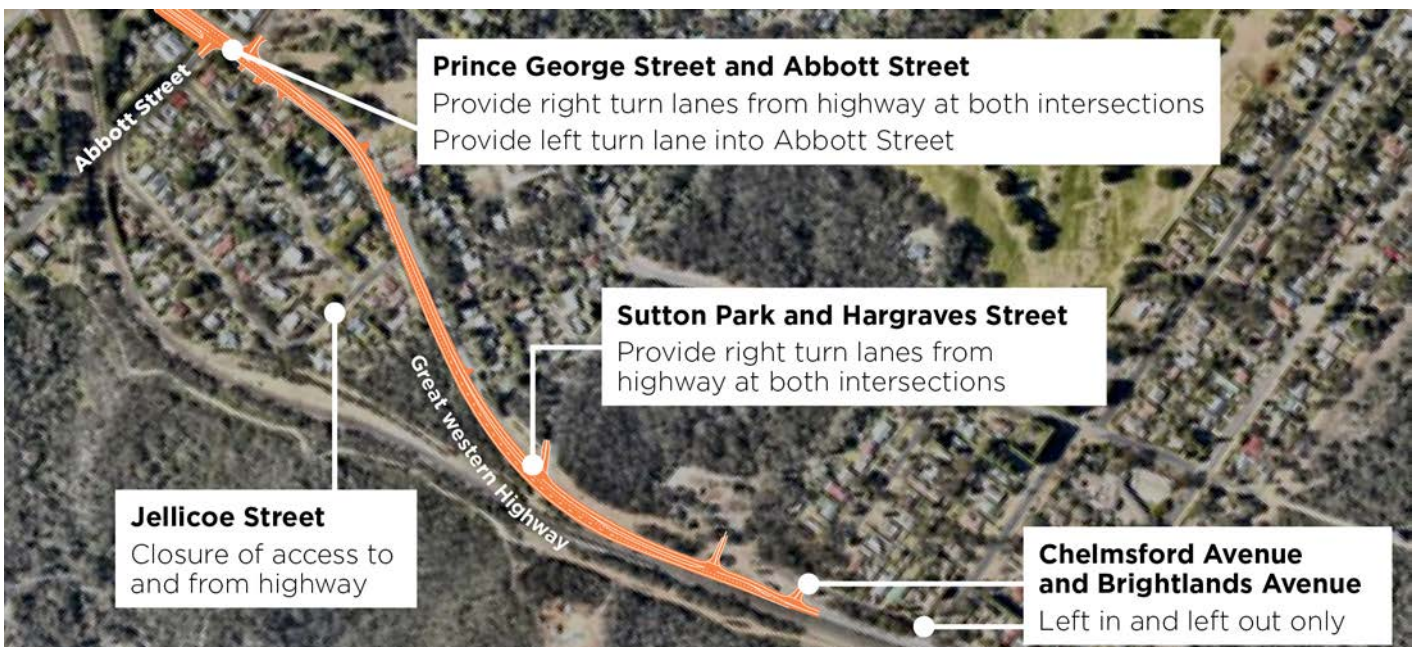
Following further consultation with the community and council, we will plant additional trees along the highway frontage of the Blackheath memorial. To accommodate this and to provide a safer outcome for motorists, parking will change from angled to parallel parking.

We will also plant additional trees to fill existing vegetation gaps between Abbott Street and Bundarra Street.



Artists impression: Blackheath Memorial after the work is complete

Proposed intersection work





What is happening during the work?

Roads and Maritime will continue to work with the community and try to minimise the impact to nearby properties and traffic while work is being carried out.

Standard working hours on the project are between **7am and 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. Some night work when required will be carried out in consultation with the community.

Great Western Highway Duplication

The NSW Government has announced \$2.5 billion to duplicate the Great Western Highway from Katoomba to Lithgow. The duplication will deliver improved road safety and efficiency, boost the local economy, improve freight access, and cut travel times.

Roads and Maritime Services will consult with the community and stakeholders about proposed options for the upgrade as the planning develops.

If you have any questions or would like to register for future updates about the project, please contact the team on **1800 953 777** or email gwhd@rms.nsw.gov.au.



Artists impression looking west at Abbott Street intersection

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