

## Temporary closure of intersections as part of New England Highway safety work at Kootingal from Monday 22 February

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is delivering a number of safety improvements on the New England Highway between Sandy and Braefarm roads at Kootingal. To help us deliver this important work safely, we will be closing a number of intersections during construction.

The NSW Government has provided \$50 million from the Safety Lives on Country Roads program for important safety work between Uralla and Willow Tree. The work being delivered at Kootingal is part of this program.

Work started in January on the safety improvements at Kootingal, which includes:

- Closing intersections with the highway at Wilson and Gill streets to separate local traffic from through traffic on the highway
- Restricting access to the highway from Laurel, Oak, Pine and Privet streets to left-out only
- Connecting Wilson and Gill streets via a short sealed service road (125 metres)
- Making improvements to Dorothy Avenue/Betts Lane, Chelmsford Street, Yarrol Road and Sandy Road intersections
- Rebuilding and widen the road
- Installing widened centre line on the highway to increase the separation of vehicles
- Removing a number of roadside trees to reduce the risk of impact during a crash and improve visibility at intersections
- Installing roadside guardrail to reduce the risk of a vehicle hitting an object when leaving the road.

**We have now reached the stage of the project where we need to temporarily close the intersections of Laurel, Pine, Oak and Privet streets. We need to close these intersections for the safety of our workers and the public. We have included a map on the following page showing the location of the intersection closures.**

The intersections will be closed from **Monday 22 February** and will remain closed until the end of May. We will advise residents in advance if we need to keep the intersections closed beyond this time.

**As per the information above, Wilson and Gill streets will be permanently closed and a short sealed service road will be built connecting these roads.** Work to build the service road will start once the intersections are closed and will take about one week to complete, weather permitting.

Our work hours are between **7am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday**. We will let you know in advance if we need to work outside these times.

## How will the work affect you?

Once the intersections are closed motorists needing to access these streets from the New England Highway will need to use the Dorothy Avenue or Chelmsford Street intersections.



## Traffic changes

Temporary traffic changes are in place to ensure the work area is safe.

In the work areas, traffic will be reduced to one lane with a reduced speed limit in place, which may affect travel times.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

## Contact

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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