



Transport for NSW

New Grafton bridge

Project update



The first walkers crossing the bridge at the community day on 8 December

Bridge opening

The new Grafton bridge opened to traffic on Thursday 12 December.

A smoking ceremony and ribbon-cutting event was held on the bridge prior to the first cars crossing the bridge. The bridge was officially opened by the Member for Clarence Chris Gulaptis, with the official ceremony attended by representatives from Clarence Valley Council, the Clarence Historical Society, the Grafton Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the Bundjalung and Gumbaynggirr nations.

Community event

Thousands of people took up an invitation to walk across the new bridge before it opened to traffic. The event, held on Sunday 8 December, opened with the Grafton District Services Club pipe band leading walkers across the bridge from Grafton to South Grafton and was a very active morning including a smoking ceremony, flyover by the Grafton Aero Club, tree-planting ceremony, vintage car display and an official ceremony to celebrate completion of the crossing.

Upcoming activities

Key construction activities planned for the next four months include:

- Completing the roundabout at the intersection of the Pacific and Gwydir highways in South Grafton
- Building the central concrete median on Iolanthe Street, including the installation of pedestrian fencing

- Installing the signalised pedestrian crossing on the Gwydir Highway (Charles Street)
- Completing landscaping
- Placing the final road surface on Iolanthe and Spring streets.

Reopening of Greaves Street

Greaves Street was reopened to through traffic on 18 February. Part of Greaves Street was temporarily closed to through traffic in February 2017 to allow for relocation of utilities and earthwork.

The closed section of Greaves Street was lowered to provide suitable clearance under the new bridge.

Roundabout at the intersection of the Pacific and Gwydir highways

Construction of the roundabout is progressing well, following another traffic switch in late February.

The roundabout is being built in stages and is expected to open to traffic around mid-year, shortly after Pacific Highway traffic is diverted onto the upgraded bypass of Grafton. Building the roundabout is a significant challenge due to the high volumes of traffic at this location, a constrained project boundary and adverse ground conditions.

The traffic switch moved the intersection slightly closer to the former visitor information centre to allow construction of the roundabout to continue near the vacant service station. The intersection will continue to operate as a T-intersection until the new roundabout pavement work is complete.



Aerial view of community members walking across the bridge on 8 December

The latest stage also improves the temporary connection to the existing highway by providing a left-out from Iolanthe Street to the Pacific Highway. The northbound left-in from the Pacific Highway to Iolanthe Street remains in place.

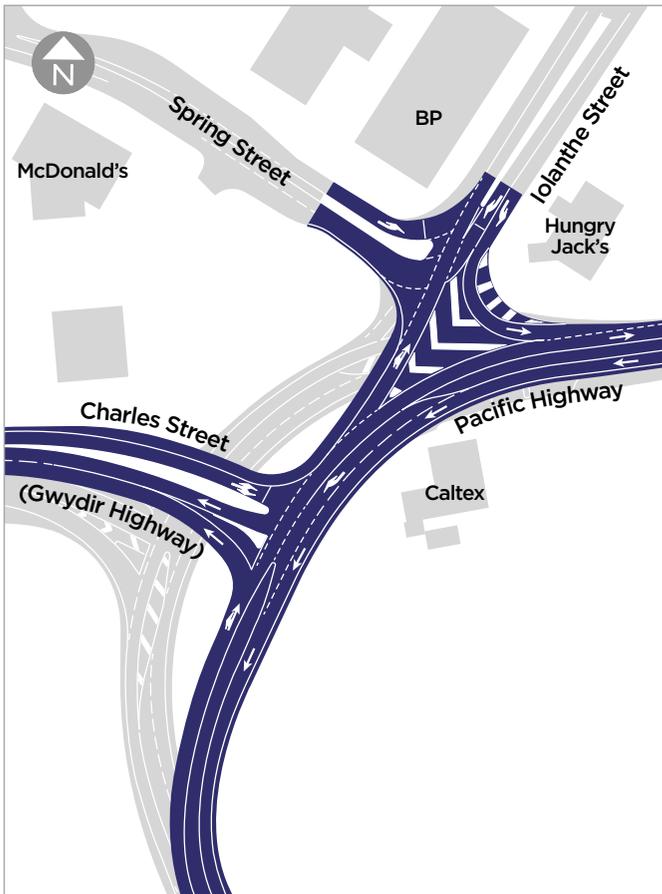
Work will begin on building part of the central concrete median and installing the pedestrian fence on Iolanthe Street in March. The work is expected to be completed by mid-April. The central median will be built from the Through Street roundabout to just past the BP service station driveway in Iolanthe Street. The central median will be extended to the

roundabout at the intersection of the Pacific and Gwydir highways following diversion of Pacific Highway traffic and completion of the roundabout.

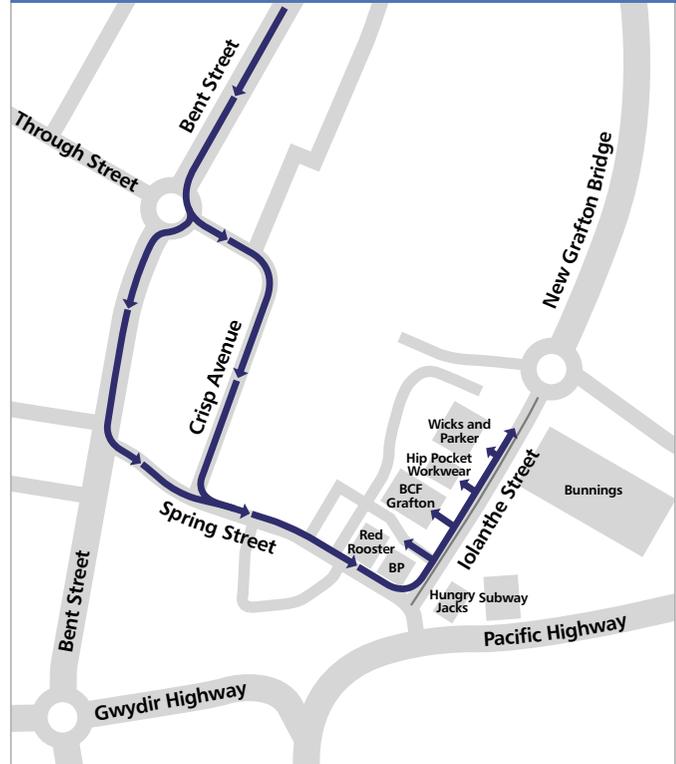
Once work on the median starts right turns for vehicles entering and exiting businesses in Iolanthe Street will no longer be permitted, which is consistent with the final traffic arrangement.

While we finish building the roundabout, some motorists may need to use the original bridge depending on which business they need to access in Iolanthe Street.

Interim changes at intersection of Pacific and Gwydir highways - South Grafton



From early March until the new roundabout opens later this year, vehicles coming from North Grafton wishing to access businesses on the west side of Iolanthe Street can use the Old Grafton Bridge and proceed down Bent Street, turn left into either Through or Spring streets and then left at Iolanthe.



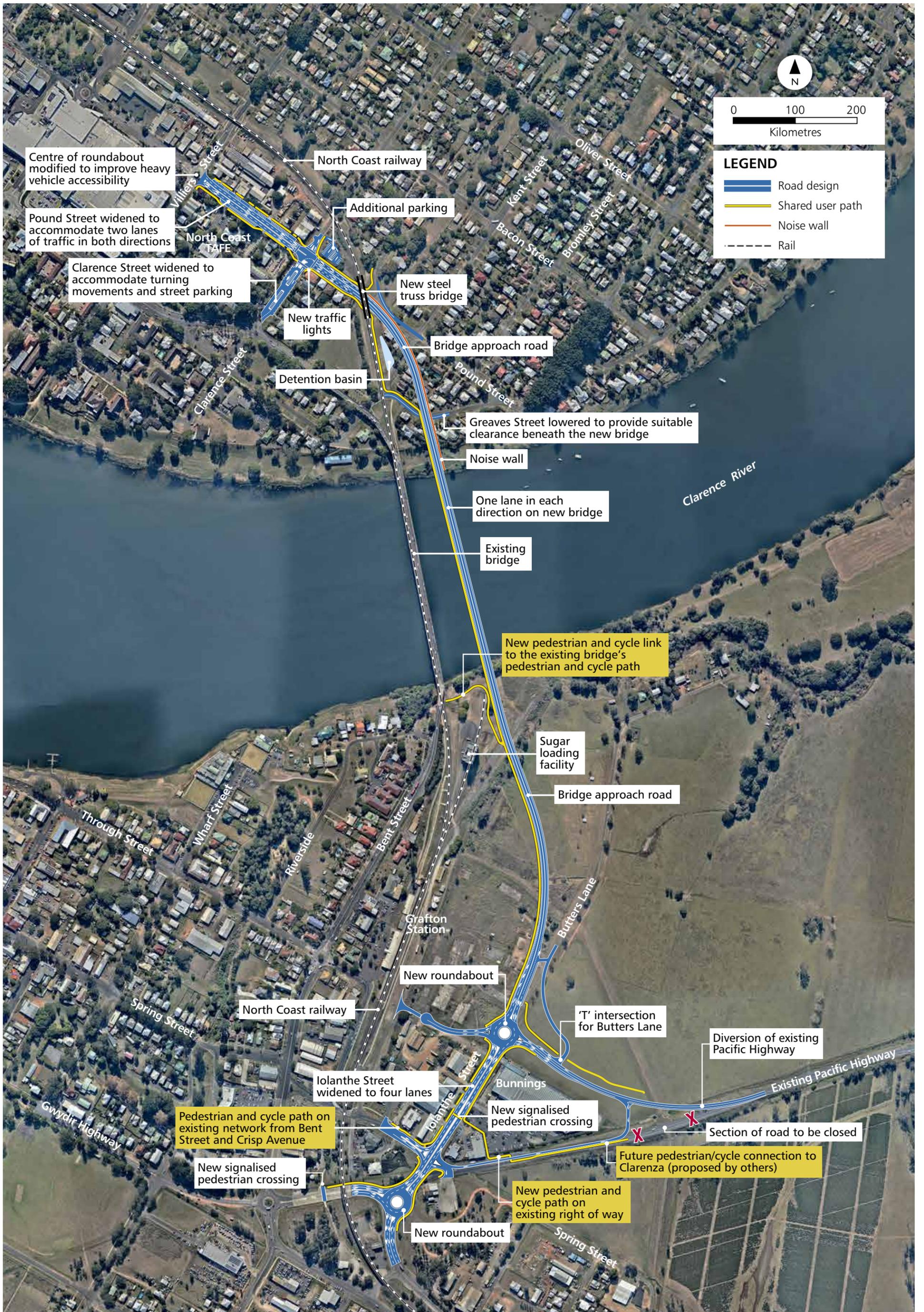
Work outside of normal construction hours

To complete the roundabout at the intersection of the Pacific and Gwydir highways, the project team is working outside of normal construction hours on some occasions. Working outside of normal

construction hours during the coming months will reduce potential impacts on motorists on the Gwydir and Pacific highways and nearby businesses. The work will not be every Saturday afternoon or every week night and we are notifying affected residents in advance of any work outside of normal construction hours.

Approved work hours	Extended work hours
Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm	Monday to Friday 6pm to 7am
Saturdays 8am to 1pm	Saturdays 1pm to 6pm

Project map and key features and improvements (when project is completed in mid-2020)



Roundabout changes

Line-marking changes have been implemented at the Pound and Villiers street roundabout in Grafton. Under the previous traffic arrangement, motorists travelling in the right lane from the new bridge towards Villiers Street were required to turn right. Under the changes, traffic using the right lane now have the option of either travelling straight through

the roundabout to continue along Pound Street or turning right. Further, the left lane has been modified to a left only turn into Villiers Street.

Line-marking changes have also been implemented at the Charles and Bent streets roundabout in South Grafton. Westbound motorists in Charles Street are no longer permitted to turn right from the left lane at the Bent Street roundabout.



View looking north of the new Grafton bridge at night

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The Grafton District Services Club pipe band leads the first walkers over the bridge



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