Community Update | November 2023

# **Medlow Bath Upgrade**







Roadwork underway on the Great Western Highway at Medlow Bath

Together, the Australian Government and the NSW Government are investing \$174.4 million towards the Medlow Bath Upgrade.

### Railway Parade re-opened

We are pleased to have completed road work in Railway Parade which is now open to traffic in both directions.

We appreciate the patience of the local community and acknowledge the detour was in place longer than originally planned.

The additional time was needed to make design adjustments in response to valuable community feedback which has maximised space and minimised vegetation impacts.

We will provide additional parking spaces at the front of the Potbelly at Medlow Café. We have also removed some car spaces from the original parking design in front of the Medlow Bath Park to minimise the impact to the large cherry trees and make room for additional garden beds.

The mural bus shelter previously located opposite the Hydro Majestic will be reinstalled inside the park, along with a new picnic table and benches.



Railway Parade looking west near the Potbelly at Medlow Café

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### **Construction Program Update**

Our lead contractor Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure is progressing well with the road upgrades.

Recently we have:

- Tunnelled three underbores under the highway and railway line to Railway Parade to allow for utility relocation for the highway widening
- · Commenced sewage work at Station Street
- Removed the undefined parking outside the Hydro Majestic
- · Commissioned the new Section Hut
- Completed major stormwater tunnelling underneath the railway and the highway
- Built the first rail facing retaining wall
- Started work on the lift and stairs.

Over the next few months, you may notice the following work underway:

- Carrying out earthwork and pavement work
- Starting the intersection at Bellevue Crescent
- Continuing to build the sediment basins adjacent to Medlow Park
- Starting construction of the retaining wall east of Bellevue Crescent next to the westbound lane
- Drilling anchors into the rock formation under the future pedestrian lift.



Railway Parade road foundation preparation

## **Pedestrian Bridge update**

Our lead contractor for the pedestrian bridge, Arenco, has made great progress on the pedestrian bridge during a railway shut down weekend in August.

We have installed temporary work platforms to allow workers safe access to the area so they can undertake piling work and build the new pathway.

The stairs to the railway platform were also removed in August. Access to the platform from this end of the platform will remain closed until mid-2024. The station continues to be accessed at the railway level crossing at the eastern end of the platform.

Bridge construction on both sides of the highway is now underway and is scheduled to open in early 2025.



Artist impression - View of the new pedestrian bridge looking west on the highway



The underbore tunnelling under the highway to enable storm water drainage



Excavation underway to relocate utilities along the Great Western Highway

# Revised landscaping plans for Medlow Bath

Landscaping plans for Medlow Bath have been revised and now include more vegetation and garden beds in front of Medlow Bath Park. Existing trees were also retained near the Potbelly at Medlow Café and Medlow Bath Park.

The landscaping strategy was developed in consultation with Council to ensure landscaping is in line with their maintenance policies and urban design principles.

Significant replanting is scheduled to start in 2024 once sections of road are complete.

You can expect to see landscaping in these areas:

- Near the Kiss and Ride and accessible car spaces at both the U-turn bay and the northern end of the station
- · Along the shared path near Bellevue Crescent
- · Around the bridge lifts near Mazda
- In the central median where it is wide enough on the highway
- At the bottom of the new retaining wall on the highway
- In sections along the railway line near the new retaining walls.

# **Bellevue Crescent intersection design changes**

As a result of valuable community feedback, we have improved the intersection design at Bellevue Crescent.

The U-turn bay as part of the original design has been replaced with a smaller roundabout at the Bellevue Crescent and Delmonte Avenue intersection. We have kept the traffic signals and local access road in the design.

The new roundabout design minimises impacts to residents and improves stormwater drainage. It also provides a safe option for vehicles who need to perform a U-turn. The traffic lights will improve safety for all road users.

Power lines along the Great Western Highway from the corner of Bellevue Crescent to the eastern end of the project will also be moved underground.



A community BBQ at Medlow Park in June

# Medlow Bath Community Advisory Group

Transport is forming a Medlow Bath Community Advisory Group to facilitate consultation and input between Transport, its contractors and the community during construction.

The group will meet quarterly to discuss upcoming construction program activities. Advisory Group members will be able to give feedback on nightwork, access changes, bus stop relocations and advise on upcoming community events or other local matters where our construction work may have an impact.

Transport looks forward to engaging with the Advisory Group as the Medlow Bath Upgrade progresses.

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### **Bushfire Readiness**

With fire season approaching, the project team has been receiving questions about emergency access during roadworks.

Transport, together with our contractors, are in regular contact with Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Service (RFS) and Council.

- We will continue to consult with the RFS during each stage of our work in regards to their access requirements.
- Emergency vehicles including police and ambulance, will always be given priority access to an area regardless of any roadwork or detour.
- Abergeldie have developed an approved Emergency Access Plan for the Medlow Bath Upgrade in liaison with Transport, RFS, Fire and Rescue and the Traffic Management Centre.

Call **000** for emergencies or **1300 953 777** for general roadwork related information.

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Barriers in place on the highway

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