

Princes Highway and Field Street, Narooma intersection safety upgrade

Community update

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The Australian and NSW Governments are investing \$3.5 million as part of the Road Safety Program to upgrade the intersection to improve safety and connectivity and network efficiency for all road users.

The Road Safety Program aims to improve safety by reducing the number of severe injuries and fatalities, with a focus on vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists.

What's included in the intersection upgrade?

The proposed intersection upgrade will include:

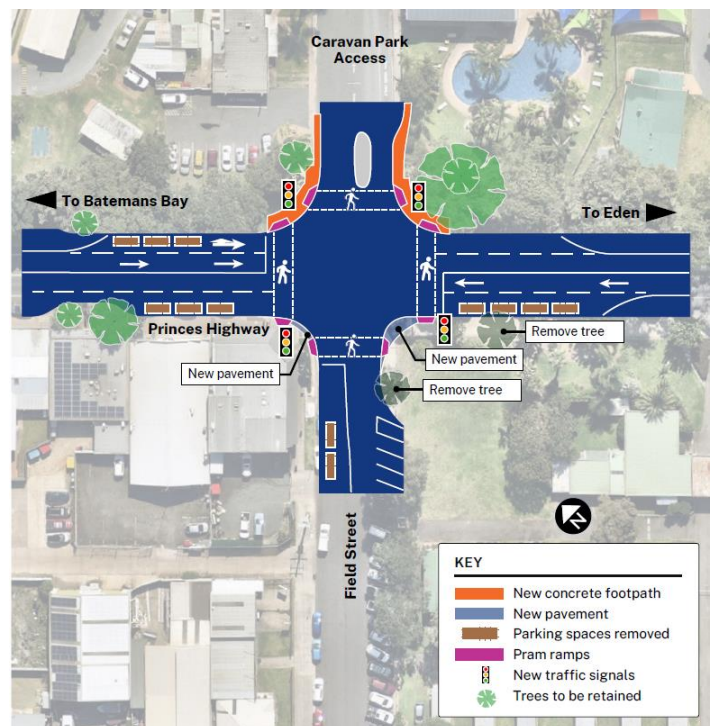
- installation of traffic lights with pedestrian crossings
- installation of new footpaths and kerb ramps
- repaving of the road surface
- line marking improvements.

What are the benefits?

The intersection upgrade will provide the following benefits:

- improved road safety and a reduction in serious injuries and deaths on our roads
- improved connectivity for pedestrians and active transport users
- increased traffic efficiency through prioritised and adaptive traffic light phasing.

Proposed layout of the upgraded intersection



Next steps

Work to finalise the design of the intersection upgrade is continuing and local residents and business owners can provide feedback during the community drop-in session or via [email](#) until 9 March 2025.

A community drop-in session will be held on Saturday 22 February 2025 at Nata Oval (just off the Princes Highway), Narooma.

Members of the Transport project team will be available between 10am and 2pm to discuss the project and answer any questions.

Frequently asked questions

Why are traffic lights considered the best option for this intersection?

Our investigations have shown traffic lights provide the best immediate and long-term improvements to road safety at this intersection for all road users.

A roundabout was also investigated and considered but is not feasible at this location due to the large construction footprint required with significant impacts to adjacent properties and parking.

How often will the lights stop traffic on the Princes Highway?

The traffic lights will prioritise traffic flow on the Princes Highway and will only activate when vehicles approach from Field Street or the holiday park driveway, or when pedestrians activate the crossing. This allows the lights to adapt to traffic and pedestrian movements through the town, improving traffic efficiency and pedestrian safety, particularly in busy periods.

How frequently will pedestrians be able to cross at the traffic lights?

The pedestrian crossing phase will only occur if activated by a pedestrian, however the phasing of the lights aims to maximise the efficiency of the intersection and reduce unnecessary delays for road users and pedestrians.

Left and right turn red arrow protection will be provided to enhance pedestrian safety at this intersection.

When will the intersection be upgraded and how long will it take?

Subject to approvals, work is expected to start later this year and take about 12 weeks to complete, weather permitting. Transport will update the community when the timeline for work is confirmed.

How will parking be impacted by the upgraded intersection?

During the detailed design phase of planning, we refined the design to minimise parking loss as much as possible. However, the intersection upgrade will require the removal of some parking spaces (as shown in the image above) to ensure sufficient traffic flow and safety.

We understand this may be a concern for some businesses and community members. However, the improved pedestrian connections provided by the traffic lights will make nearby alternative parking options more accessible as it will be easier and safer to cross the highway to access businesses.

Has the community had an opportunity to provide feedback on the Field Street intersection upgrade?

During 2024, Transport carried out consultation to inform the feasibility study for the Narooma Bridge and Transport Improvements project. As part of this consultation, Transport received feedback on the need to upgrade the Princes Highway and Field Street intersection.

Common themes heard from the community about the intersection included:

- road users find it difficult and unsafe to turn in and out of Field Street due to poor visibility and traffic congestion
- pedestrians find it difficult to safely cross the Princes Highway, particularly those with mobility issues
- amenity of the town would be improved with better connections for pedestrians.

Transport welcomes the funding provided as part of the Australian and NSW government's Road Safety Program to deliver the intersection upgrade and improve safety, pedestrian and active transport connectivity and network efficiency in Narooma.

Was Eurobodalla Shire Council engaged in the planning process?

Transport has worked closely with Eurobodalla Shire Council as a key stakeholder in the Princes Highway and Field Street intersection upgrade project.

How will Transport minimise impacts during construction?

Transport's work schedule will include a combination of night and day work to minimise impacts on businesses and the community.

Transport will notify the community once the work schedule and construction dates are confirmed.

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