

Vittoria West

Towards Zero Safer Roads Program Mitchell Highway safety upgrade

August 2025



Road widening works on the Mitchell Highway between Bathurst and Orange at Vittoria West

The NSW Government is investing in key safety upgrades on the Mitchell Highway between Bathurst and Orange.

Transport for NSW (Transport) is continuing construction work on the Vittoria West safety upgrade, which includes a widened Mitchell Highway, safety barriers throughout the project area, a 1.4-metre-wide median and dedicated turning and overtaking lanes.

This project is being delivered as part of the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program, a road safety program that aims to improve road safety by minimising the occurrence of severe injuries and fatalities through upgrades to the existing road network.

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



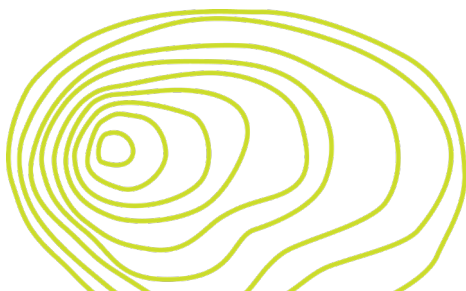
Work progressing on widening the northern side of the Mitchell Highway at Vittoria West

Construction update

The Vittoria West project has progressed well since starting in March 2025.

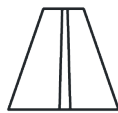
What’s happened so far?

- 2500 tonnes of road base has been laid
- 400 tonnes of gabion rock has been used to act as a drainage layer beneath the road
- Telecommunication lines have been relocated
- Trees and vegetation have been cleared on the northern side of the highway to enable widening works
- New accesses for residents have been constructed and fencing has been installed
- Revegetation of some areas
- Hollow bearing trees have been maintained to create native fauna habitat.



Project benefits

Once completed the safety upgrade at Vittoria West will feature:



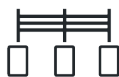
a widened Mitchell Highway with a 1.4-metre-wide painted centre median



a dedicated right hand turning lane at Gardiners Road



two kilometres of new asphalt pavement



safety barriers installed at strategic locations throughout the project area



a westbound overtaking lane to improve safety and reduce travel time

Reducing our environmental impacts

While driving past the Vittoria West site compound, you may have noticed our innovative solar panels.

Transport is reducing the environmental footprint of the Vittoria West project by using solar energy to power construction works.

In 2023, a Black Stump solar generator was purchased by Transport to help reduce the carbon dioxide (CO²) emissions generated by our worksites. The solar generator includes a 24 kilowatts peak roof photovoltaic array (a system of solar panels electrically wired together to generate electricity from sunlight). It also uses an integrated battery bank, back-up diesel generator and a weather station.

When not in use, it can be packed up for security or easily transported to a new worksite. Since 2023, it's completed duty at our North Croppa Creek project on the Newell Highway and is now being used here on the Vittoria West project.

So far on the Vittoria West project, the generator has saved:

1720 hours in generator run time (limiting noise pollution)

12,715 kg of CO² emissions

The innovative system allows projects in remote areas to access a reliable energy source. It will be used on project sites across the region into the future.

Pictured right: Black Stump solar generator being delivered to the Vittoria West site compound



Black Stump solar generator in use at the Vittoria West site compound

Meet the team
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MERCHANT



What's your role on the Vittoria West project?

I am the Project Engineer at Vittoria West. My role involves planning and organising site activities, procuring services and products, and ensuring the project is delivered on time and within budget.

What's your favourite thing about your job?

I have enjoyed meeting new people, working with the internal crew members and contributing to the safer road program in the Central West.

What are you looking forward to with the project?

I am looking forward to seeing the final product, with all the safety systems in place, and the line marking completed. It will be a great improvement to the Highway between Bathurst and Orange.

Next steps



Early works and tree clearing started
2024 November



Construction started
2025 March



Earthworks completed on the northern side
2025 August



Traffic switch and night detour to facilitate start of work on the southern side
2025 August



Project completion
Mid-2026



Tubestock of Yellow Box tree, provided by Central Tablelands Landcare

Tree planting initiative

In conjunction with Central Tablelands Landcare, Transport is offering eligible residents free native saplings to plant. There are two varieties of tubestock on offer: Apple Box and Yellow Box. The planting and upkeep of the tube stock will be the responsibility of the landowner.

Eligible landowners within the project length, as well as those within the locations of the completed Vittoria East and Vittoria Curve projects in 2022 and 2023, have been notified of the initiative. If you would like to be put on the wait list for trees, please register your interest by calling 1800 167 499 or by emailing western.projects@transport.nsw.gov.au

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