

Mount Ousley interchange project

Project update

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Work progressing at the intersection of the M1 Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road as part of the Mount Ousley interchange

The Australian and NSW governments are investing in a new interchange on the M1 Princes Motorway at the base of Mount Ousley to improve connectivity, safety and efficiency for those travelling through the gateway to Wollongong.

Major progress has been made on the Mount Ousley interchange project this year, with bridge and noise wall construction now well under way.

Piling work for new bridges over the M1 Princes Motorway, heavy vehicle bypass and southbound access road is well advanced. Once complete, the bridge substructures and retaining walls will be built.

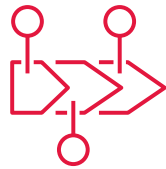
Progress is being made on the new noise wall next to Dumfries Avenue, with installation of noise panels under way. The noise wall is expected to be completed later this year, weather permitting.

Construction of one of two new heavy vehicle safety ramps and the heavy vehicle bypass is continuing.

Earthworks have commenced on the southern side of the M1 Princes Motorway, where a new access road into the University of Wollongong, commuter carpark and bridge over the motorway will be built.

Towards the end of the year the first new heavy vehicle safety ramp is expected to open and the existing ramp to close. More details about this milestone will be released in the coming months.

What we've been doing



Since the start of the year we have:

- carried out extensive vegetation clearing and commenced major earthworks on the southern side of the M1 Princes Motorway
- carried out our second multiple night closures of the M1 Princes Motorway (Mount Ousley Road) in June
- completed relocation of utilities across the project site
- started piling work for new retaining walls and bridges
- continued work to extend and upgrade the pedestrian bridge over the M1 Princes Motorway at Northfields Avenue.

What's coming up?



For the remainder of the year we will:

- complete work to extend and upgrade the pedestrian bridge over the M1 Princes Motorway at Northfields Avenue
- continue construction of the new heavy vehicle safety ramp and new heavy vehicle bypass
- complete the new retaining wall and noise wall next to Dumfries Avenue
- continue construction of new bridges, retaining walls and drainage works.

Project by the numbers



25,000 tonnes
of asphalt



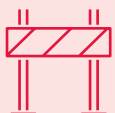
46
bridge planks



59
bridge piles



1090m
of noise walls



9.8 kilometres
of roadside barriers



Piling and foundation works near the M1 Princes Motorway

Road closures open up project

The project team made major inroads during its second round of night closures of the M1 Princes Motorway (Mount Ousley Road) and Picton Road.

A wide range of activities including sign and gantry removal and installation, excavation, vegetation clearing, drainage and pavement widening, safety barrier placement and line marking were completed during the closures in June.

Most of the activities could only be performed during a full road closure and will allow the team to start building the new southbound heavy vehicle safety ramp and heavy vehicle bypass, and progress work on the University of Wollongong side of the motorway.

Around 160 people worked on each night of the six road closures, held between 8pm and 4am, working a combined total of almost 8000 hours.

Mount Ousley Road shared path bridge update

Following recent community consultation, the concept design for the new shared path bridge over Mount Ousley Road has been finalised.

A period of detailed design will now commence, with construction of the new shared path bridge expected to begin in 2026 and be completed in time for the opening of the new interchange.

During the consultation period, Transport received 233 pieces of feedback with more than 80 per cent of respondents agreeing that the shared path bridge would improve access to key destinations and encourage walking and cycling in the area. A consultation summary report has been prepared which outlines feedback received and how it has been considered in the development of the concept design.

The summary report can be viewed at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/mtousleyrdbbridge

Northfields Avenue pedestrian bridge update

Work is progressing on extending the pedestrian bridge over the M1 Princes Motorway at Northfields Avenue.

The bridge ramp structure, including abutment and deck, is nearing completion and the installation of safety screens and railings has begun.

The new ramp will improve pedestrian access to the bridge and is on track to be completed in the coming months, weather permitting.



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View our new project animation video

Our new animation video is now live on the project website. Scan the QR code to check out how the new interchange will improve safety and traffic flow for heavy and light vehicles travelling through the gateway to Wollongong and the Illawarra.



Cabbage palms salvaged

The project team has worked closely with stakeholders to recover several Dharawal palms located within the work area to help ensure the iconic palm continues to thrive in the area.

The palm, also known as the cabbage tree palm, is the most prolific palm species found throughout the region and is valued by traditional owners for its medicinal benefits.

Fourteen palms were removed before clearing took place on the southern side of the M1 Princes Motorway. Several of the salvaged trees will be replanted in the University of Wollongong grounds, with the remainder to be stored and replanted on site as part of the project's landscaping.



A cabbage tree palm being prepared for removal

Community drop-in session

Come and meet the project team at the Mount Ousley Public School on **Thursday 31 July 2025** to ask your questions and learn more about how the project is progressing.

Drop in at any time between **2.30pm and 6pm**.

Where: Mount Ousley School,
via Vereker Street, Fairy Meadow

When: Thursday 31 July

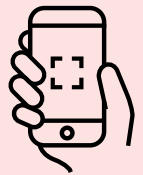
Time: 2.30pm to 6pm



The project is holding another drop-in information session at Mount Ousley Public School this month

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