

Communications pack

Barwon Heads Road Upgrade– 6-week construction blitz

[27/05/22 – 11/07/22]

This document sets out:

- Works information and dates
- Key messaging
- Detour maps
- Q&As

Works information

Northbound lane closure – major construction works	
Location	Barwon Heads Road between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road
Date and time	7pm Friday 27 May – 6pm Friday 17 June
Purpose of works	To raise and build the new northbound lanes and retaining wall at the Jerringot Wetlands
Traffic management/impacts	Closure of the northbound lane between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road and road closures of Maxwell Avenue and Curtis Street.

Breakwater Road intersection closure – major construction works	
Location	Barwon Heads Road between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road, including the Barwon Heads Road/Breakwater Road intersection

Date and time	6pm Friday 17 June to 6am Monday 11 July
Purpose of works	To upgrade the intersection, including raising the road, adding lanes and upgrading signal infrastructure
Traffic management/impacts	Complete closure of Barwon Heads Road between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road, including all legs of the Barwon Heads Road Breakwater Road intersection – south-east movements maintained between the Breakwater bridge

Key messaging

Barwon Heads Road northbound lane closure

General information

- From **7pm Friday 27 May to 6pm Friday 17 June**, the Barwon Heads Road Geelong bound lane will be closed between Breakwater Road and Settlement Road
- A detour will be in place via Breakwater Road and Settlement Road
- We'll work on Barwon Heads Road between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road to build a new northbound carriageway, including pavement, drainage and kerb
- To increase resilience against flooding, we will be raising Barwon Heads Road by up to 2 metres between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road
- Closing the northbound lane for six weeks will reduce prolonged disruptions to motorists while we build the new carriageway

Breakwater Road intersection closure

General information

- From **6pm Friday 17 June to 6am Monday 11 July**, the Breakwater Road intersection will be closed 24/7 to upgrade the intersection
- A left and right turn movement will be available between the Breakwater Bridge and Barwon Heads Road. All lanes between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road will also be closed
- As part of the project, we need to raise the Breakwater Road intersection by approximately 1 metre to support the upgrade of this key intersection and help to prevent future flooding
- We will close the Barwon Heads Road Breakwater Road intersection for approximately three weeks, towards the end of the northbound closure
- We will work 24/7 during this closure to complete works safely and quickly and reopen the intersection sooner to businesses, residents, and local road users

Traffic impacts

- To maintain access to and from local suburbs across the Breakwater bridge, we have worked to maintain some movements during the intersection closure
- Vehicles will be able to turn left from the Breakwater bridge onto Barwon Heads Road and turn right from Barwon Heads Road onto the Breakwater bridge. Large vehicles will be able

to utilise this movement during the partial intersection closure, with traffic controllers in place

- Detours will be in place via Marshalltown Road and Surf Coast Highway, or via Settlement Road and Fyans Street. Please plan ahead and allow an additional 20 minutes during peak times.

Public transport impacts

There will be impacts to public transport while we build the new north bound lanes and upgrade the Breakwater Road intersection:

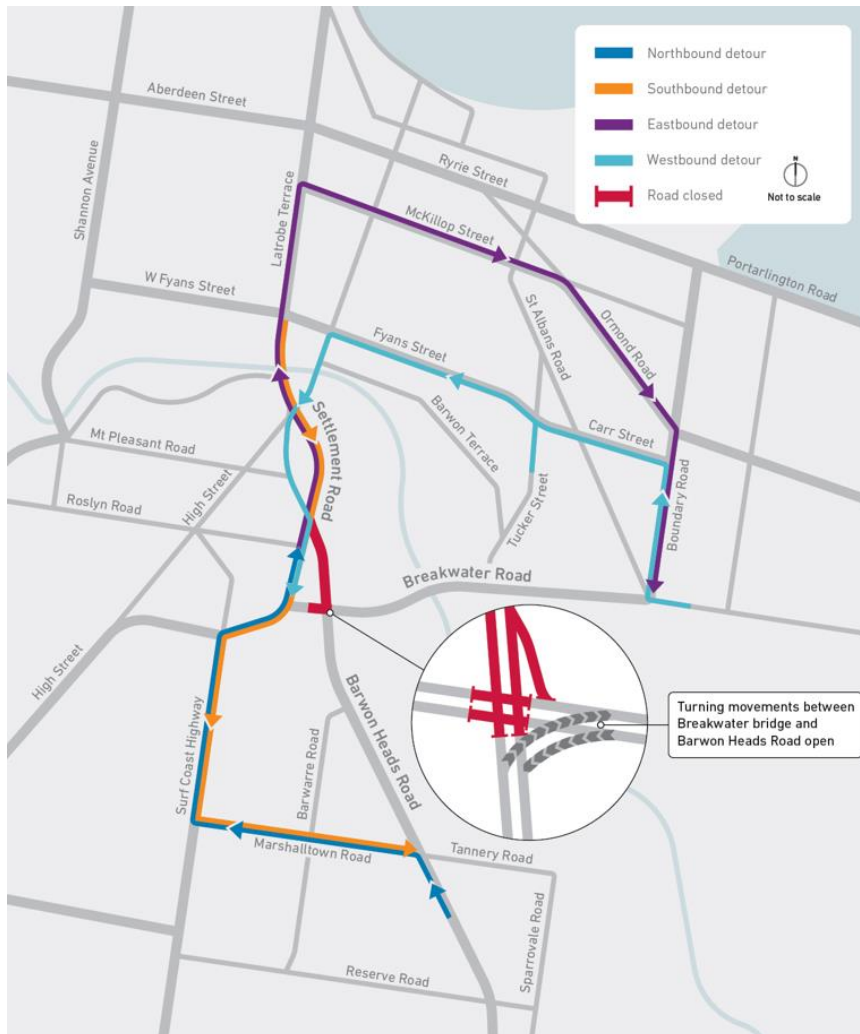
- Breakwater Road northbound bus stop will be closed
- Six bus stop locations on Barwarre Road will be impacted
- Impacts to routes 40,50, 51 and 55
- V line services going to the key train stations in Geelong (approx. 2 routes)
- McHarrys Depot located over the Breakwater Road bridge east of the intersection will be impacted by the closure
- Increased delay times for service

Detour maps

Northbound lane closure 27 May – 17 June



Breakwater Road intersection closure – 17 June – 11 July



Q&As

Why are you closing the Breakwater Road intersection?

We're upgrading the Breakwater Road intersection as part of the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade project. To complete this, we need to raise the Breakwater Road intersection by approximately 1 metre to support the construction of the intersection and to help prevent future flooding.

Raising a major intersection by 1 metre is a complex construction activity. In order for us to do this, there will be temporary closures and disruptions to the wider road network for a short period of time while we work quickly and safely to deliver the upgraded intersection.

Why are you closing the northbound lane on Barwon Heads Road?

We're duplicating Barwon Heads Road from two to four lanes as part of the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade project.

To increase resilience against flooding, we need to raise Barwon Heads Road by up to 2 metres between Settlement Road and Breakwater Road.

To complete these works quickly and safely, we will close the northbound lane for three weeks, and both the north and south bound lanes for another three weeks, between Breakwater Road and Settlement Road.

How long will the closure be for?

The northbound lane and intersection closure works will take place over May, June and July 2022, commencing on Friday 27 May and finishing on Monday 11 July 11 July.

The northbound lane on Barwon Heads Road will be closed between Breakwater Road and Settlement Road from 27 May to 17 June. Both the north and southbound lanes will be closed from 17 June to 11 July.

The Breakwater Road intersection will be partially closed from Friday 17 June to Monday 11 July. A southeast and east to south movement will be available to enter and exit onto the Breakwater Road bridge during the partial intersection closure and allow some traffic flow.

What detours will be available during these disruptions?

During the northbound lane closure, a detour will be in place via Settlement Road and Breakwater Road.

During the Breakwater Road partial intersection closure, vehicles will be able to turn left from the Breakwater bridge onto Barwon Heads Road and turn right from Barwon Heads Road onto the Breakwater bridge.

For other movements, detours will be in place via Marshalltown Road and Surf Coast Highway, or via Fyans Street and Torquay Road.

For more detail about available detours, please visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Are there any other disruptions around this time?

We will need to do preparation works leading up to the northbound closure and intersection closure, which will require temporary closures and disruption.

From the 26 April until the 27 May we will close the left turn from the Breakwater Road Bridge onto Barwon Heads Road. A detour will be available via Breakwater Road and Settlement Road. We are closing this movement to build the new southeast lanes that will open during the partial intersection closure.

How long will the detour time be? Will my commute in the morning and afternoon be longer?

We ask drivers to please plan ahead and allow up to an extra 20 minutes during peak times for their journey.

We strongly encourage you to plan your journey ahead of time and follow-on site signage and the recommended detours via GPS.

Why are you doing an intersection closure? Can't you open the intersection back up each day?

Completing blitz style works ensures that we can complete works quicker and safer for all road users and workers.

The intersection needs to be raised by up to one metre. This includes raising pits and other infrastructure that cannot be progressively raised with the pavement construction. It is therefore not possible to safely reopen the intersection progressively each day as it is lifted.

While it would be possible to rearrange construction to have some movements opened earlier, this would greatly increase the overall duration of the works and require most movements to be closed for much longer. It would also be much more confusing for road users with different movements opening and closing day to day.

When was the last time the Breakwater Road intersection flooded?

The last time the Breakwater Road intersection flooded was in 1995. It also came close to flooding again in the years of 2001, 2011 and 2016.

Will bus services be impacted?

Vline and McHarrys bus services will be impacted during the northbound lane and intersection closure.

We will engage with local primary and secondary schools to inform students and parents of disruption to school bus services.

Please visit <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/> to see if your usual service is impacted and to plan your journey ahead of time.

How will you keep the community informed about the changing road conditions and disruptions?

We're committed to keeping the community well informed of any planned disruptions during our works.

We'll keep you informed by:

- Works notification distribution to the wider community
- Construction update
- Detour maps to plan your journey ahead of time
- SMS updates
- Updates via the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade mailing list
- Local radio advertisement to keep you up to date on the disruptions and available detour routes
- In person meetings with businesses and door knocks

- 24/7 support from a project team member via the MRPV 1800 number

Have a question?

If you have a question relating to these disruptions, please call us on 1800 105 105 to speak with a project representative or email contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au