

UPGRADE PROGRESSING

BARWON HEADS ROAD UPGRADE – STAGE 2

DECEMBER 2025

**BIG BUILD
ROADS**

We're upgrading Barwon Heads Road between Reserve Road, Charlemont, and Lower Duneed Road, Connewarre, to make your journeys safer and more reliable.

Works to build section 2a between Reserve and Lake roads are well underway. We are also finalising

the concept design for Stage 2b between Lake and Lower Duneed roads. We expect to select a preferred contractor in **mid-2026**.

Since July, we've completed preparatory works to add lanes between Reserve and Lake roads, including relocating key utilities infrastructure and installing major drainage lines and progressing with widening the Armstrong Creek bridge.

On **Wednesday 17 December**, we'll reopen Boundary Road between Barwon Heads Road and Pythias

Way after a 3-month closure. The community will begin to see safety improvements on this side of the intersection with a new left-turn slip lane onto Barwon Heads Road. We'll then get ready to start work on the eastern side of the Boundary Road intersection.

Our crews will take a break from **Friday 19 December**. When we return to work on **12 January 2026**, we'll be going straight into a busy summer of construction along Barwon Heads Road as we work towards our completion in **late 2027**.



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COMING UP OVER SUMMER

In January, we'll continue building the new Barwon Heads-bound lanes between Reserve and Boundary roads, and the new Geelong-bound lanes between Boundary and Lake roads. We'll also start several key intersection upgrades.

Boundary Road intersection

From Wednesday 17 until mid-2026, we'll close Boundary Road between Barwon Heads and Harriott roads as we work behind barriers to upgrade this side of the intersection with:

- new lanes on Barwon Heads Road at the intersection
- turn lanes on Boundary Road
- improved access to public transport connections.

Detours will be in place via Harriott Road.

Central Boulevard intersection

We'll take advantage of the school holidays to start building the upgraded intersection at Barwon Heads Road and Central Boulevard.

As part of our works, we'll need to replace the traffic lights at the intersection.

On Monday 12 January, we'll work overnight to build a temporary three-legged roundabout at the Barwon Heads Road and Harkness Boulevard intersection to keep traffic moving safely while we work.

From the night of Monday 12 to Sunday 25 January, we'll close Central Boulevard at Barwon Heads Road while we build:

- new lanes on Barwon Heads Road at the intersection of Central Boulevard
- new turn lanes on Central Boulevard
- a new walking and cycling path along Barwon Heads Road.

We'll work around the clock to get the works done as quickly as possible.

On Saturday 24 January, we'll work overnight to remove the temporary roundabout and reopen the intersection.

Barwon Heads Road will remain open at all other times during these works. Vehicle detours will be in place via Warralily Boulevard and Carter Road. Pedestrian paths will be impacted with detours signed during the closure.

Once Central Boulevard reopens in January 2026, we'll continue working behind barriers before the intersection opens in its ultimate arrangement in 2027.

Longreach Road intersection

After Central Boulevard reopens, works will continue around the intersection of Barwon Heads and Longreach roads until April as we build the new access arrangement to the Barwon Heads service road (allMotti Road), a new walking and cycling path and pedestrian crossings.

Further details of access arrangements during these works will be provided in coming weeks.

Weather may impact our progress. If we need to reschedule, we'll let you know via our on-road signage. You can also sign up for SMS and email alerts.



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For more information on the project and for updates on upcoming works and disruptions or to view the design of the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade on our interactive map, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/barwonheadsrld

Upcoming disruptions in December and January

To view all upcoming disruptions and detour routes, please visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Location	Disruption	Dec 2025	Jan 2026
Barwon Heads Road	Barwon Heads Road and side roads closed in both directions between Precinct Road and Central Boulevard. Detour via Precinct Road, Horseshoe Bend Road and Warralily Boulevard. See map at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/barwonheadsrld	8pm 16 Dec to 6am 17 Dec	
Boundary Road	Boundary Road closed between Barwon Heads and Harriott roads until mid-2026. Geelong-bound detour via Harriott Road and Parkfield Boulevard. Barwon Heads-bound detour via Harriott Road and Harkness Boulevard. See map at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/barwonheadsrld	6am 17 Dec	
Barwon Heads Road	Lanes closed and traffic held on Barwon Heads Road at Boundary Road to complete line marking and barrier set up for the holiday period. Please allow for delays of up to 10 minutes.	7am 17 Dec to 6am 18 Dec	
Barwon Heads Road	Barwon Heads Road closed between Boundary Road and the Barwon Heads service road (also known as allMotti Road). Detour via Boundary Road, Horseshoe Bend Road and Warralily Boulevard. See map at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/barwonheadsrld		9pm 12 Jan to 6am 13 Jan
Central Boulevard	Central Boulevard closed at Barwon Heads Road. Detour via Warralily Boulevard and Carter Road. Refer to map 1. Use Longreach Road, Carter Road, and the Barwon Heads Road service road (allMotti Road) to access The Village Warralily shopping centre.		9pm 12 Jan to 25 Jan
Barwon Heads Road	Barwon Heads Road closed between Boundary Road and the Barwon Heads service road (allMotti Road). Detour via Boundary Road, Horseshoe Bend Road and Warralily Boulevard. See map at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/barwonheadsrld		9pm Sat 24 Jan to 6am Sun 25 Jan
Longreach Road	Longreach Road closed at Barwon Head Road. Detours in place via Central Boulevard.		Late Jan to April

Map 1: Central Boulevard closure, 12 to 25 January



Image: Piling rig at Warralily Boulevard Reserve

Over six weeks in October and November, a 16.7 metre piling rig dominated the skyline at Warralily Boulevard Reserve, drilling holes up to 10.3 metres deep to install 34 steel-reinforced concrete piles.

These concrete piles will strengthen the retaining wall of the existing bridge and lay the foundations for the new Geelong-bound lanes.

Works are on. Shops are open!

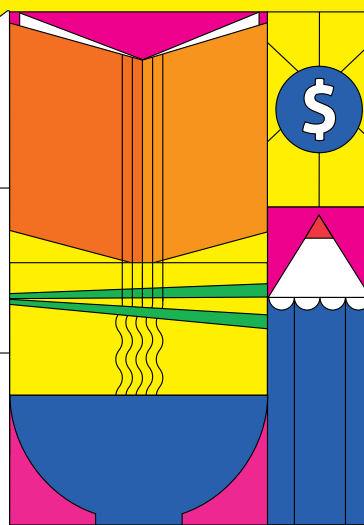
You'll still be able to access your favourite shops and eateries at The Village Warralily Shopping Centre and along Barwon Heads Road while our works are in progress.

Keep an eye out for our on-road signs and pedestrian detours, as there may be temporary changes to how you access businesses near our works.

Thank you for continuing to support local businesses during the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade.



SHOP TO THE TOP



Shop local and help your school be a winner!

Help your local school win \$5000 for educational resources, while also supporting local businesses along Barwon Heads Road as we complete this important upgrade.

During Term 1, 2026, every dollar spent at businesses along Barwon Heads Road

(including The Village Warralily Shopping Centre) between Reserve Road and Warralily Boulevard, will earn 1 point towards the participating schools of your choice.

The school with the most points at the end of Term 1 will receive \$5000. Keep an eye out for competition details at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/barwonheadsrd.

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