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# Murrumbateman village safety improvements

Community update | June 2020



Looking south along Barton Highway in Murrumbateman

Transport for NSW is delivering important safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in Murrumbateman, as part of the Barton Highway upgrade project.

We have listened to your concerns about safety for pedestrians and cyclists through the village.

From mid-July we will start work to create a safer, more connected active transport network in Murrumbateman.

In this update:

- Improving pedestrian facilities and creating safer connections through the village
- Providing safer access to the recreational grounds for all road users
- Simplifying vehicle movements in Jones Park rest area.



**New pathways**  
for active transport



**Improve**  
pedestrian and  
cyclist safety

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## 1 Wider, more connected shared paths

In response to feedback from the community, we're improving the active transport network by widening the existing footpath from Hercules Street to the bus stop outside the Murrumbateman Community Church.

We're also creating safer connections by extending this new, wider shared path through to the existing footpath that links to Fairley Estate.

As part of this work, we will replace the existing footpath pavers with concrete pavement to provide a smoother, more user-friendly surface. This will make journeys through the village safer and more accessible for all pedestrians and cyclists.

## 2 Safer recreational ground access

We are improving access to the Murrumbateman recreational grounds from Barton Highway by widening the road and upgrading the intersection.

As Murrumbateman events become more popular and larger crowds attend the site, the intersection is being upgraded for the safety of all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

Currently, northbound vehicles stopped and waiting to turn into the recreational grounds can affect the flow of traffic on the Barton Highway.

To reduce congestion in the area and make turning and passing movements safer, we will be widening the shoulder of the northbound lane outside the library by 1.5 meters.

The centre line will be realigned to increase the space available for larger vehicles that are stopped and waiting to turn right at this intersection.

New entry and exit lanes will improve the separation of vehicles and ensure motorists are entering and exiting safely.

As part of this intersection upgrade, the tree in the middle of the entrance will be removed. The position of the tree makes turning into or out of the grounds difficult for large trucks and horse trailers. At times these vehicles use the exit lane to enter the site which is not safe for motorists or other road users in the area.

The safer T-intersection will have clear line marking and easy-to-follow directional signage to improve safety and traffic flows, and will support increasing attendance numbers for community events held at the recreational grounds site.

## 3 Crossing the Barton Highway made safer

Between Jones Park and the Barton Highway, new pedestrian fencing will be installed along the highway shoulder to provide a protective barrier for walkers and cyclists.

Improved fencing will create physical separation between the park and the Barton Highway for locals and tourists who picnic or play in this shady area.

The fencing will help direct pedestrians to use the marked pedestrian crossing, which provides a safe refuge at the halfway point when crossing the highway.

Motorists have much greater awareness and visibility of pedestrians who use the signposted pedestrian crossing, particularly through this busy area in the village, which reduces the likelihood of crashes that could result in pedestrian injuries.

To further improve safety in this area, additional no stopping signs and line marking will be installed on the road shoulder alongside the new fencing.

## 4 One-way access to Jones Park rest area

Limiting traffic movements to one-way only in parking areas is known to improve pedestrian safety and will make it easier for motorists to manoeuvre around the bus stop and other vehicles in the rest area.

With the support of Yass Valley Council, we're planning to change to the way vehicles enter and exit Jones Park. Vehicles will enter at the northern end (entry closest to Yass) and exit via the south (Canberra end).

This change provides several benefits:

- Reducing traffic queuing on Barton Highway at Hercules Street during peak periods
- Simplifies movements
- Avoids oncoming vehicles needing to pass in a small and congested area.

At the southern exit, motorists leaving the parking area will be able to turn onto the Barton Highway for travel in either direction.

New line marking in the rest area will more clearly identify the bus parking bay and accessible parking spaces.

### Have your say

If you'd like to provide any feedback or comments on the planned safety improvements in the village, please contact the project team via phone or email.

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## Murrumbateman memorial trees

The avenue of London Plane trees on the eastern side of the Barton Highway provides a warm welcome to all travellers to Murrumbateman village.

These special trees were planted by Murrumbateman School students during WWII to commemorate those members of the local community who served their country in the two World Wars and reflect the road alignment at that time.

Over the years, as the community has grown and new roads are built or upgraded, some trees have died or been removed.

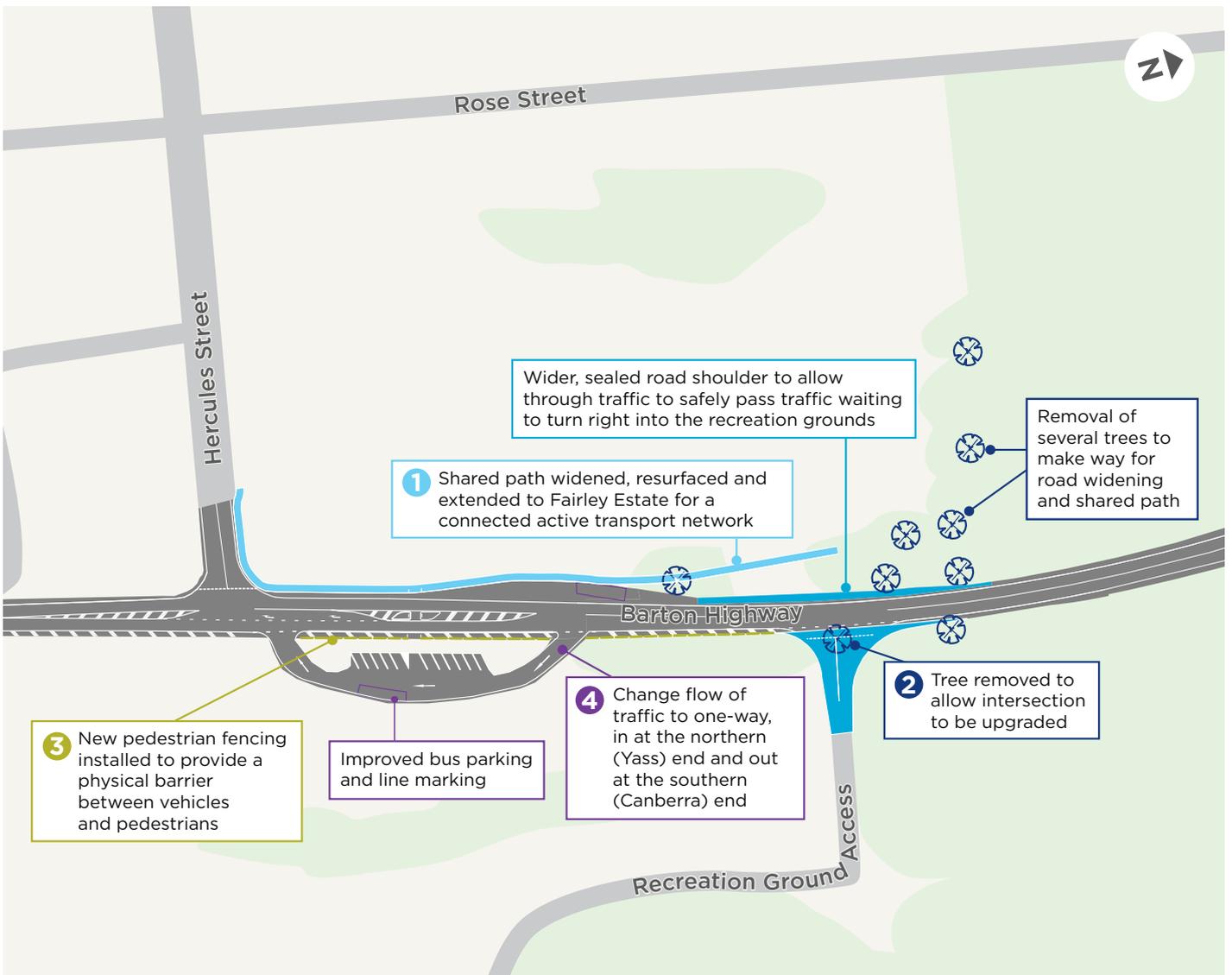
To protect and maintain the health and longevity of the existing row of memorial trees alongside Jones Park, we will carry out some maintenance trimming and remove low hanging branches to improve the clearance for buses and trucks.

This will also assist in improving sight distances for motorists through this busy area to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists approaching the crossing.



Barton Highway pedestrian crossing in Murrumbateman

## Murrumbateman – safety improvements





Transport for NSW is working to make access throughout Murrumbateman village safer.



Work on the Murrumbateman safety improvements will be completed by October 2020.

## When is the work happening?

Transport for NSW will be delivering this work in stages to minimise the impacts to the local community. Work is expected to start mid-July and is planned to be complete before the Murrumbateman Fields Days event in October.

We will provide more information about our work hours and locations before this work starts.

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the \$100 million duplication of the Barton Highway from the ACT border towards Murrumbateman.

The upgrade will provide safer and quicker journeys for the 13,000 motorists who use the corridor every day, improve travel times and create vibrant community spaces.

It will improve access to essential services in Canberra and make communities along the highway an even better place to live, work and visit.

The Australian Government has committed another \$100 million pending further planning.

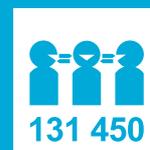
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