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Start of major work – Richmond River to Pimlico

The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding the \$4.36 billion Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade. Roads and Maritime Services Pacific Highway Project Office and Pacific Complete are working together to deliver the project.

From late September, the Woolgoolga to Ballina project team will start major work for the Richmond River and Pimlico section of the Pacific Highway upgrade. These work activities have been planned and will be carried out in line with the project's Conditions of Approval. Earlier this year, work started on the Pimlico to Teven stage three section of the project.

Upcoming work

As we start to prepare for major work in this area, residents and road users will notice an increase in activity. During the next six months, activities will include:

- Delivering heavy machinery and equipment
- Building temporary site compound and storage areas
- Building site access into project work areas
- Setting up environmental management controls
- Completing temporary and permanent fencing
- Carrying out pre-clearing surveys
- Starting vegetation removal and major earthwork within the project alignment.

Temporary site compounds and storage areas

The project team are now operating from the main site compound on Whytes Lane West, Pimlico. Due to the size of the work area between Richmond River and Pimlico, we will also be constructing a number of smaller site compounds and storage areas at Coolgardie Road, Wardell Road and within the Gibsons borrow site on Old Bagotville Road. We have provided a map to explain the locations of these sites.

Site compounds will be used for site offices and amenities, parking for our site workers and for storing construction materials and equipment. Construction materials may also be stored within the project alignment for example gravel and mulch will be stockpiled in areas.

These areas will be accessed during approved construction work hours.

The project team will ensure that site compounds are restored after the project is complete.

Site accesses from local roads

The team will be building temporary vehicle access points along the project alignment to provide safe access into and out of the project alignment. Temporary vehicle accesses will be built off Whyte's Lane

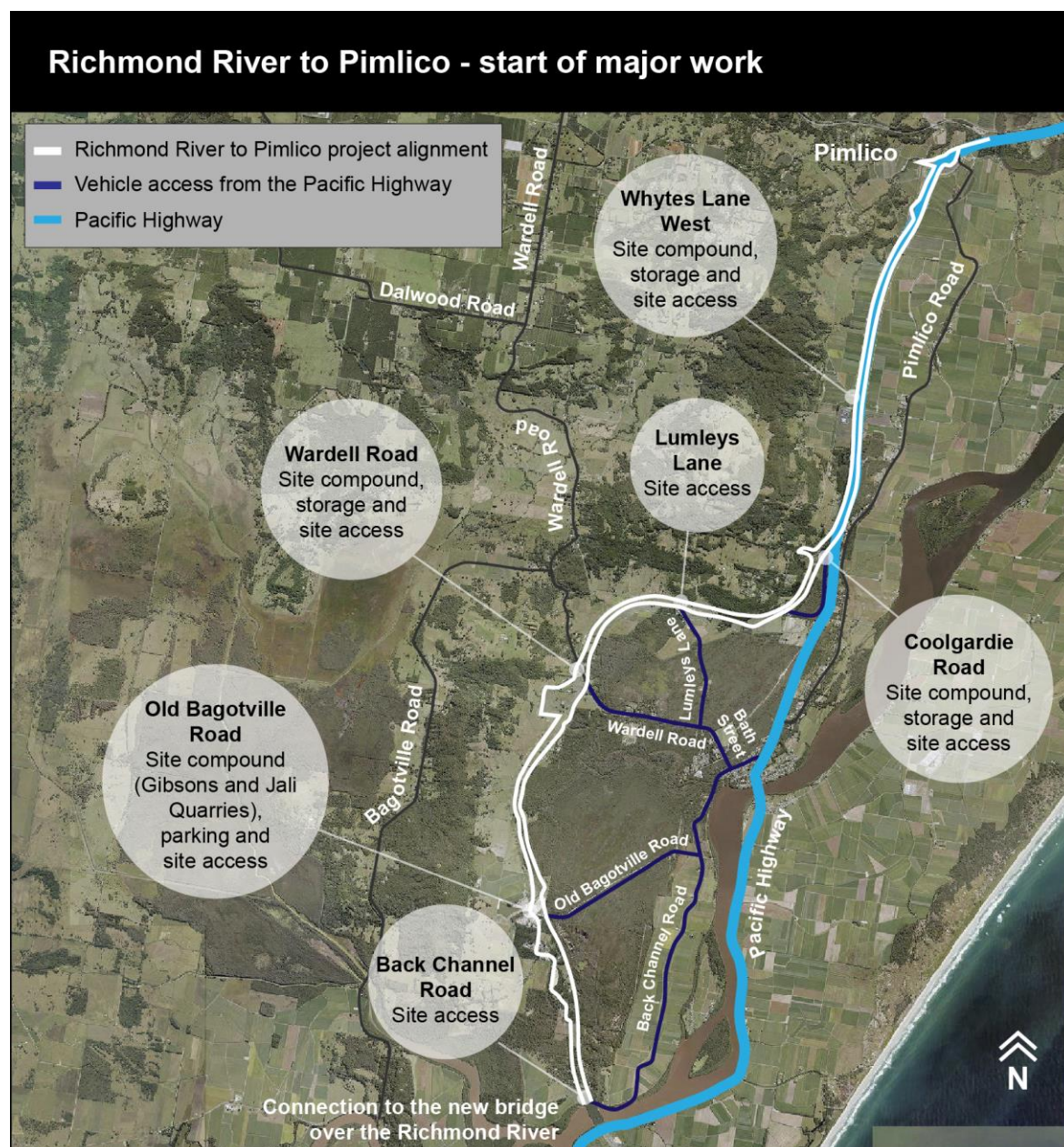
West, Coolgardie Road, Lumleys Lane, Wardell Road, Thurgates Lane, Old Bagotville Road and Back Channel Road.

All vehicle access points will be fenced and gated to manage access into the project alignment. At times, gates will be attended by traffic control to manage vehicle movements. Please note that public entry into the project alignment or our work zones is not permitted.

Work to construct site compound and site access will include:

- Carrying out pre-clearing surveys
- Removing vegetation
- Cutting and shaping the ground using heavy machinery like excavators and rollers
- Installing temporary fencing, site access gates and temporary lighting towers
- Building temporary vehicle access and parking facilities
- Installing temporary office buildings and other facilities within the site compounds
- Delivering and unloading of heavy machinery including oversize vehicles under escort.

The map below shows the location of temporary site compounds, storage areas and site accesses.



Removing vegetation

In late September, the project team will start to remove vegetation from within the approved project boundary between Richmond River and Pimlico.

Before starting any vegetation removal, comprehensive pre-clearing surveys will be carried out by experienced and licenced wildlife carers or ecologists, and a certified koala detection dog and handler to ensure vegetation removal work is carried out in line with the projects' Conditions of Approval and Construction Environmental Management Plan. Vegetation removal work will start in different locations within the approved project boundary and continue until early 2018, weather permitting.

The project team has worked with environmental planning principles to limit vegetation removal where possible – actively avoiding, minimising, mitigating or offsetting potential construction impacts on threatened fauna and flora species, as well as environmentally sensitive areas.

This work will include:

- Carrying out pre-clearing surveys (day and night) including the use of a koala detection dog before vegetation is removed
- Removing vegetation using different types of machinery and equipment, for example, a slasher on long grass and heavy machinery like excavators and dozers for trees
- Completing temporary and permanent project alignment fencing and installing site access gates
- On-site mulching of removed vegetation
- Loading of vegetation into trucks for stockpiling along the project alignment to be re-used on site
- Removing vegetation off site where required
- Starting to prepare sites for the building of temporary site compounds, storage areas and site access
- Preparing suitable vegetation for reuse around fauna connectivity structures.

Much of the removed vegetation (mulch) will be reused within the project alignment for erosion and sediment control and landscaping.

How will work affect you?

During work nearby residents and road users can expect:

- Increasing traffic on local roads including construction vehicles, heavy machinery and haulage trucks
- Delivering heavy machinery, equipment and materials to the project area via local roads (as shown on the map)
- Increasing noise levels due to the use of heavy machinery and equipment
- The use of flashing lights and reversing alarms on machinery and vehicles for the safety of workers
- The use of temporary lighting towers at site compounds, storage areas and gate access points
- Low levels of vibration during the use of construction equipment and machinery like excavators and rollers
- Temporary changes to road conditions including reductions to the speed limits and short delays and the presence of traffic control.

The team appreciates your patience during this important work. Activities will be closely monitored and managed in line with the project's Conditions of Approval and Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Changes to traffic

From late September vehicles delivering oversized machinery and equipment, under the guidance of pilot vehicles and police escort, will be travelling on the Pacific Highway, Carlisle Street, Back Channel Road and Old Bagotville Road to the project site compound at Gibsons and Jali quarries. These deliveries may occur during the day or night due to access restrictions on some roads.

When required, heavy machinery and equipment will be transported from the project site compound at Gibson and Jali quarries using the local road network to work areas within the project alignment.

During these activities, road users can expect changes to local road conditions including reductions to the speed limit and the use of temporary mobile traffic lights.

The Woolgoolga to Ballina project team is committed to working with directly affected property owners for activities that may require temporary changes to private property access.

Motorists are asked to keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Next steps

Some of the key work that we will carry out in the coming months will include:

- Installing temporary and permanent project alignment fencing
- Continuing to remove vegetation
- Starting major earthwork
- Seeking to start borrow site operations at Lumleys Hill, Gibsons and Jali quarries, based on Department of Planning and Environment approval
- Implementing local road traffic changes in various locations.

We will keep you informed in advance of this work starting.

Work hours

Typically work will be carried out during the project's approved construction hours, which are **between 7am and 6pm from Monday to Friday and between 8am and 5pm Saturday**.

In areas where residents live more than 200 metres from the work area, extended work hours are allowed from between 6am and 7am and 6pm and 7pm Monday to Friday. Nearby residents will be notified at least five working days in advance of any activities scheduled outside of these working hours.

For more information

If you have any questions, please contact the Woolgoolga to Ballina project toll free line on 1800 778 900 dial 1, W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au or visit the project website rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this important work.



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