

Watsons Road Footpath Construction



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Why is Council delivering this project?

Council has received funding from the Australian Government to deliver fourteen priority projects across Murrindindi Shire as part of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. This project has been identified as one of the priority projects for completion.

Where will the footpath go?

The footpath will be constructed on the west side of Watsons Road from Kelly Court to Whittlesea-Kinglake Road in Kinglake West. This is the logical side for the footpath to go, based on engineering standards and best practices required. It is also the side that the majority of residents live on.

Will the vegetation be impacted?

The footpath has been designed so that trees do not need to be removed and also to minimise the impact on the vegetation. However, the tree protection zone for some large trees will be impacted. The impact on the vegetation will be reduced by taking the necessary precautions during planning and construction.

What construction methods will be used?

The footpath is being constructed according to IDM standard asphalt footpath SD206. In places where the tree protection zones are affected, we will reduce pavement depth, lift the path surface about 50mm and use 10mm permeable asphalt instead of standard 7mm standard asphalt. This minimises the impact on the roots during construction as well as insuring the natural water flows into the root are not completely blocked.

Will the works affect residents?

The works will cause minimal impact to residents. Residents who currently walk along the section of land where the footpath is being constructed, will not be able to do so once the works commence, until the footpath is completed.

When will works proceed?

Council would like to progress the works as quickly as possible. Construction is expected to start in mid-March and will go for approximately two months. We will keep the community informed via our usual communications channels – website, Facebook, UGFM radio and the local newspapers.



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Will there be traffic disruption during the works?

Traffic management will be in place throughout the works, including possible speed reductions, however there is not expected to be any significant disruptions for drivers, both lanes will remain open for the duration of the works.