Garfield Road East and West Upgrades – Planning Underway

Community update
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The NSW Government has proposed a road network to support the forecast growth in the North West Growth Area. Over the next ten years, 33,000 homes will be provided in the area and once fully developed, the area will be home to around 250,000 people.

The area surrounding Riverstone is an integral part of the North West Growth Area and the expected increase in population and development will mean significantly more traffic in the area.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has granted Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) funding for Roads and Maritime Services to undertake the planning of Garfield Road East and West. This will support planning for the release of the Marsden Park North, West Schofields and Riverstone East Precincts.

Upgrading the Garfield Road corridor is one of a number of projects that form part of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy.

The overall Garfield Road corridor is 7.2 kilometres and has been split into three sections: Garfield Road East, Garfield Road central and Garfield Road West.

Roads and Maritime is planning for the future upgrade of Garfield Road East and Garfield Road West corridors to facilitate development of land surrounding the corridor.
North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy – where are we up to?

In 2014, the NSW Government published the road network strategy to support the forecast growth in the North West Growth Area. Over the next ten years, 33,000 homes will be provided in the area and once fully developed, the area will be home to around 250,000 people.

Garfield Road East and West upgrades are two of a number of projects in planning that are part of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy.

Schofields Road upgrade – completed

The NSW Government funded the $340 million upgrade of Schofields Road between Windsor Road and Richmond Road. Schofields Road has been upgraded to form a major east-west link from Rouse Hill to Marsden Park.

The work was delivered in three stages, with the final stage open to traffic in June 2018.

Garfield Road central – planning

During consultation in 2013 and 2014, Roads and Maritime sought community feedback on options for the railway level crossing. The community highlighted their concerns about the current traffic congestion in Riverstone and heavy vehicles travelling through the town centre. Roads and Maritime also received feedback about the location of an overpass and impacts on community amenity, local businesses, schools and property.

Further planning of Garfield Road central is subject to funding availability and Roads and Maritime will undertake community consultation at that time.

Bandon Road corridor preservation – completed

The Bandon Road corridor has now been finalised. The corridor will connect Richmond Road, Marsden Park to Windsor Road, Vineyard, providing alternative access across the North West Growth Area and reducing traffic congestion within Riverstone.

This finalised corridor has been sent to NSW DPIE for inclusion in the precinct plans for Marsden Park North, Riverstone West, Riverstone and Vineyard Precincts.

Further development of the Bandon Road corridor is subject to funding availability.

Denmark Link Road – planning

Denmark Link Road is a proposed new link road between Garfield Road West, Riverstone and the Westminster Street bridge, Schofields. This new link road would alleviate traffic congestion along Garfield Road around the railway level crossing at Riverstone. Light vehicles would have an alternate local connection to cross the Richmond railway line.

Roads and Maritime is continuing planning and field investigation work to inform a strategic design.

Townson Road and Burdekin Road – planning

Townson Road is planned to be widened and extended to Burdekin Road over the railway line.

The NSW DPIE has granted Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) funding for Roads and Maritime to undertake the planning and concept design of these roads.

Richmond Road upgrade – ongoing

Richmond Road between North of Bells Creek Bridge to Elara Boulevard has been upgraded to a two lane road in each direction, with the capacity to be widened to three lanes in the future.

The NSW DPIE has granted SIC funding for Roads and Maritime to undertake planning of a future upgrade of Richmond Road from Elara Boulevard to Heritage Road, Marsden Park.

Outer Sydney Orbital – planning

The NSW Government is planning for the long term transport needs of Western Sydney by identifying and protecting a corridor of land for future transport infrastructure to link the Central Coast with the Illawarra via Western Sydney.

The Orbital will connect growth areas in the North West and South West with the Western Sydney Airport.

Work on the Outer Sydney Orbital is being led by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). TfNSW are working closely with other government agencies.

Please contact TfNSW if you have any questions about the Outer Sydney Orbital on 1800 837 511 or corridors@transport.nsw.gov.au.
Overview

The overall Garfield Road corridor is a 7.2 kilometre long road and has been split into three sections:

• Garfield Road East corridor extending 3.2 kilometres between Piccadilly Street, Riverstone, and Windsor Road, Box Hill
• Garfield Road central extending 800 metres between Piccadilly Street and Denmark Road, Riverstone
• Garfield Road West corridor extending 3.2 kilometres between Richmond Road, Marsden Park and Denmark Road, Riverstone.

Roads and Maritime is planning for the future upgrade of Garfield Road East and Garfield Road West corridors.

These projects would allow for the development of residential land in the surrounding area, and assist in meeting the need of the expected future traffic demand that would be generated by future development.

Further planning for Garfield Road central is subject to funding availability and Roads and Maritime will carry out community consultation at that time.

Benefits of the upgrades

Benefits of the upgrades include:

• Improving road capacity to meet future traffic growth
• Supporting residential and employment growth
• Improving freight productivity
• Improving road safety
• Improving connectivity between Richmond Road and Windsor Road.

Features

Key features of the upgrades include:

• Upgrading the existing two lane road to a four lane divided road, with capacity to widen to six lanes in future
• Upgrading the flood resilience
• Upgrading and realigning the existing road to improve road safety
• Providing a new bridge over First Ponds Creek (Garfield Road East) and Eastern Creek (Garfield Road West)
• Traffic light controlled intersections at Piccadilly, McCulloch and Edmund streets (Garfield Road East) and Denmark Road, Carnarvon Road/Cemetery Road and Roberts Street (Garfield Road West)
• Providing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists
• Providing bus priority at the new intersections.
Garfield Road East and Garfield Road West upgrades – alignment

Subject to funding, Roads and Maritime will further plan Garfield Road central and will engage with the community at that time.

Alignment in this area is under investigation.

KEY
- Garfield Road East alignment
- Garfield Road West alignment
Interactive portal

Check out our interactive portal at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc to find out more about the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy and submit any questions or comments you have.
Community Information Sessions

Roads and Maritime is seeking community feedback to help inform our future road plans in the North West Growth Area. We will host three community information sessions where you can ask the project teams questions and seek further information about proposed road upgrades. A formal presentation will not be given so please feel free to drop in any time at one of the following sessions:

• **Saturday 27 July** 2019, Schofields Community Centre, 65 Railway Terrace, Schofields between 10am and 2pm

• **Tuesday 30 July** 2019, Schofields Community Centre, 65 Railway Terrace, Schofields between 4pm and 7pm

• **Thursday 1 August** 2019, Riverstone Sports Centre, 15 Hamilton Street, Riverstone between 4pm and 7pm

If you are unable to attend one of the information sessions, you can contact us to discuss or arrange another time that is suitable to meet. To join the mailing list please contact the project team (see details below).

Please provide comments by **16 August 2019**.

What are the next steps?

- PRELIMINARY SITE INVESTIGATIONS
- STRATEGIC DESIGN
- COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON STRATEGIC DESIGN
- CONCEPT DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
- SUBMISSIONS REPORT
- PROJECT DETERMINATION
- DETAILED DESIGN
- START OF CONSTRUCTION

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Garfield Road East or Garfield Road West upgrades please contact our project team:

- **Phone**: 1300 367 561
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