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Motorists to reap benefits of an early upgrade

The early completion of the \$824 million Australian Government-funded Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra project provides improved safety for motorists and reduced congestion within the Western Corridor – eight months ahead of schedule.

This major project has:

- widened the Ipswich Motorway from four to six lanes between Wacol and Darra
- transformed the intersection of the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway into a free-flowing, multi-level interchange
- upgraded the Centenary Highway between Sumners Road and Boundary Road
- opened new service roads connecting Wacol, Darra and Richlands.

Providing work for over 5000 people over the last two years, the project has been a key feature for motorists and locals in the Wacol and Darra areas. The cooperation and patience of the local community have been vital to the overall success of the project.

In just two years, this major upgrade has been delivered while keeping over 100,000 vehicles moving safely and efficiently through the area each day.

Completed on budget and well ahead of the target completion date of December 2010, the project team has worked hard and persevered to finish without compromising safety and traffic reliability. It is due to this effort that motorists are already enjoying the benefits of a safer and improved road network.

Works will continue for several months to install gantries and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). This will enable Transport and Main Roads to actively manage the motorway, capacity and safety.

South east Queensland's population is projected to grow by over one million people in the next two decades. The completion of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra project will play a key role in increasing the capacity of the Ipswich Motorway to meet projected traffic demands in this growth corridor.

Project benefits

- improved safety on the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra
- reduced congestion
- improved and consistent traffic flow
- increased reliability and better travel times.

SAFELink Alliance

The Department of Transport and Main Roads established SAFELink Alliance to deliver the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra.

SAFELink Alliance consists of five partners including the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Leighton Contractors, BMD Constructions, AECOM and Arup.



What has the upgrade delivered?

Piling works undertaken early in the project to construct one of the 26 new bridges.

Construction

- Widened the Ipswich Motorway from four to six lanes between Wacol and Darra
- Upgraded the Centenary Highway Interchange from a signalised roundabout to a multi-level, free-flowing system interchange
- Upgraded the Centenary Highway between Sumners Road in Sumner and Boundary Road in Richlands
- Delivered the rail embankment for the Darra to Springfield Rail Corridor through the Centenary Highway Interchange
- Constructed 2.7 kilometres of cycleway and 3.4 kilometres of shared path (pedestrian and cycle)
- Constructed a six million dollar football field facility in Wacol for the West Centenary Junior Rugby League Club
- Constructed 26 new bridges
- Completed over 1.4 million cubic metres of bulk earthworks, which is enough to fill 560 Olympic size swimming pools
- Laid over 420,000 tonnes of asphalt, enough to cover a single lane from Brisbane to Gympie.



New asphalt being placed during the upgrade.

Community

Community contributions are many and varied. The project has proudly:

- donated \$6000 from staff fundraising to Youngcare Apartments at Sinnamon Park to purchase security screen doors
- donated \$8280 from staff fundraising to Angel Flight Australia for a software upgrade
- donated a ute full of food generously supplied by staff to Inala Family Support Centre
- supplied a temporary replacement mini-bus to the Summer Park St Vincent de Paul's depot after their bus was stolen
- mentored and sponsored Centenary State High School and Forest Lake College students as part of their Young Achievement Australia (YAA) participation
- supported the 2009 Darra Festival
- supported the Jindalee Rotary Club's Anti-Graffiti Group with over \$10,000 worth of equipment to assist them with their fight against vandalism in the local area
- held an open day at PJ McIlwain Place, the new home of the West Centenary Junior Rugby League Club attended by Wayne Bennett and Mal Meninga
- supported the Darra Christmas Party
- donated a noticeboard to the Darra Community Group
- constructed new car park surface in Centenary Village
- donated six plant nursery work benches to Bremer TAFE
- removed 30 cubic metres of waste from local suburbs during Clean Up Australia Day
- donated asphalt for the Inala PCYC clubhouse
- sponsored the Centenary State High School post-formal tour
- provided 30 tonnes of mulch to Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre
- raised \$368.80 for the RSPCA through a staff cupcake day
- donated over 55 water-filled barriers and other materials to Darra Pony Club
- supported the Jindalee Rotary Tree of Joy
- supported Laydeez Biz – a series of inspiring arts, culture and skills development workshops for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls in the Inala community
- invited over 3200 students to participate in project community programs
- donated to six local schools 150 trees each for combined World Environment Day / Q150 celebrations
- worked with the local community to plan and paint a community mural on a local bridge wall.



Presentation of the funds raised by the project team to Angel Flight Australia.



State Member for Inala, Anastacia Palaszczuk (right) presents the Inala Family Support Centre with food donated by the project team.



Children take part in the Rugby League coaching sessions held as part of the opening of PJ McIlwain Place.

Environment

We're not just about building roads. With a strong focus on environmental management, sustainable environmental initiatives included:

- recycling over 21,280 tonnes of concrete
- recycling over 503 tonnes of steel
- recycling over 6,312 tonnes of asphalt
- saving over 700KL of water with rainwater tanks at site office
- planting 10,000 native trees and 1.1 million plants
- installing 15 nest boxes for bats, possums, gliders and birds
- relocating wildlife from the construction area to safe zones as close to the original habitat as possible
- establishing wildlife corridors to provide safe access under the Ipswich Motorway, along rejuvenated waterways.
- the rehabilitation of a section of the waterway corridor in conjunction with Bremer TAFE
- offsetting carbon emissions from site vehicles through the Greenfleet program
- running the site office on Green Power.



Management of flora and fauna has been a top priority on the project.

Thanking the community

The Department of Transport and Main Roads thanks local communities for your support and patience during the construction of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra project.

Your cooperation and involvement have aided our planning process and the way we provide services, helping us to make the right decisions.

Feedback from residents and business owners or operators and the dedicated members of the project's Community Liaison Group, has been vital in delivering a road project that is making travel through this area safer and more reliable.

Thank you again to everyone for your patience and involvement in the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra project.

Public open day

To celebrate the completion of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade between Wacol and Darra and to thank the community, an open day will be held on the new Service Road at Darra in April (date to be confirmed).

A range of activities is planned for the day, including project displays and information, entertainment for the whole family, food and drink stalls, rides for the kids and the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Further details on the open day will be advertised in local newspapers and made available on the project website – www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/wacol2darra

Below: The SAFELink Alliance project team that has delivered the upgrade.



Ipswich Motorway Upgrade



Upgrade of the Centenary Highway between Sumners Road at Sumner and Boundary Road at Richlands

New bridges over the Ipswich rail line

A major upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange from a signalised roundabout to a multi-level, free-flowing system interchange

Widening the Ipswich Motorway from the Logan Motorway at Gailles to Jervis Street at Darra from four to six lanes

Section 1
Section 2

Wacol

New pedestrian and cyclist paths

To Ipswich

New bridges over Bullockhead and Sandy Creeks

Earthworks and bridgeworks for a new rail line from Darra to Springfield which passes through the new Centenary Highway Interchange

To Jindalee

Sumner



Darra

To Brisbane

Richlands

To Springfield

Legend

-  upgraded roadway
-  project boundary
-  1.2m pedestrian footpath
-  3.0m pedestrian footpath
-  3.0m 50k exclusive high-speed bikeway
-  3.8m separated footpath/bikeway
-  1.5m on-road bikeway
-  existing footpaths and bikeways
-  local road connection
-  noise walls
-  proposed new rail line

Transforming the Western Corridor



The Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra is just one part of a wider transformation of the Western Corridor.

Many projects are now underway to improve road and public transport infrastructure through this corridor and from day to day the landscape is changing.

Construction of the Australian Government-funded Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra project is now complete. A key part of this upgrade has been the successful transformation of the Centenary Highway Interchange. The images to the left show the transformation of the interchange from a signalised roundabout to a free-flowing, multi-level system interchange.

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