

Main Roads kicks a goal with new footy fields at Wacol

New sporting fields and club facilities for western Brisbane's junior rugby league community were opened on 26 July 2008 as part of a \$6.5 million commitment to relocate facilities affected by the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade.

A number of initiatives have been taken by Main Roads in delivering a facility that is both sustainable and suitable for the future development of the club. The club is thrilled with its new, up-to-date

home, which includes four full-sized match fields, a new clubhouse with change rooms, training facilities, office, canteen, licensed bar area and parking for more than 175 vehicles.



From left: Peter McIlwain, club founder, Ms Julie Attwood MP, Mr Bernie Ripoll MP and Mrs Deirdre Matthysen, club president.

The new PJ McIlwain Place at Wacol provides a new and improved home for the Wests Centenary Junior Rugby League Football Club. Ms Julie Attwood MP, Member for Mount Ommaney represented Minister for Main Roads Warren Pitt and Member for Inala, Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk MP at a community open day to commemorate the new fields, alongside Federal Member for Oxley, Mr Bernie Ripoll MP.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Who is funding the project?

A: The Australian Government is providing \$700 million for Stage one (Jervis Street, Darra to Sandy Creek, Wacol) of the Wacol to Darra section of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade. The Springfield Rail Line component through the Centenary Highway Interchange is separately funded by the State Government.

Q: There are many transport and infrastructure projects occurring throughout the western corridor. What are they and how can I contact those responsible?

A: The following list provides the names and contact details for transport projects in the Western Corridor:

- » Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Ipswich/Logan Interchange (ph: 1800 703 093)
- » Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna (ph: 1800 465 682)
- » Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade (ph: 1800 680 385)
- » Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor (Road and Rail) (ph: 1800 887 464)
- » Centenary Highway Extension: Springfield to Yamanto (ph: 1800 500 544)
- » Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation (ph: 1800 887 464)
- » Warrego to Cunningham Connection (ph: 3125 7400)
- » Warrego Highway/Brisbane Valley Highway Interchange (ph: 1800 052 722)

Contact us

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SMS updates*
www.wacol2darra.com.au
*Visit the website to receive free project updates direct to your mobile phone.

Please remember that safety around roadworks is a two-way street. We ask that you drive carefully and responsibly during these construction works.

Construction is underway

Construction on the first stage of the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade between Wacol and Darra is progressing well, following the Australian Government's commitment of \$700 million to this project.

Stage one works (Jervis Street, Darra to Sandy Creek, Wacol) involves:

- » transforming the current Centenary Highway Interchange roundabout to a multi-level system interchange
- » removing on and off ramps to the Centenary Highway Interchange
- » widening the Ipswich Motorway from four to six lanes.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd turns the first sod of the upgrade, beside federal, state and local representatives.

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 Main Roads established SAFELink Alliance to deliver the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra.

SAFELink Alliance consists of five partners including Main Roads, Leighton Contractors, BMD Constructions, Maunsell Australia and Arup.

Wacol to Darra Community Liaison Group

A Community Liaison Group (CLG) has been formed to contribute and provide input into the upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra. The CLG represents a cross-section of community viewpoints, with local residents, business owners, schools, community groups and environmental organisations all participating in the group. The CLG provides a way of ensuring issues important to local residents, businesses and community

groups are considered by the project team and enables CLG members to help communicate project information back to their contacts within the community.

The first meeting of the CLG took place on 26 May 2008 with future meetings expected to occur on a quarterly basis or as required based on major project milestones. CLG meeting minutes are available from the Main Roads website or by calling 1800 605 410.



Construction update

Since the official start of construction in March 2008, there has been a burst of activity along the project alignment, particularly around the Centenary Highway Interchange.

Major construction activities involve:

- » relocating public utility services, including gas, electricity, telecommunications, water and sewer
- » removing trees and other vegetation
- » site establishment, including clearing compounds and constructing temporary site offices
- » installing temporary concrete barriers and boundary fencing
- » road pavement construction along the Centenary Highway and Ipswich Motorway



Earthworks along the Ipswich Motorway.

- » bulk earthworks along both sides of the Centenary Highway, Ipswich Motorway and within the Centenary Highway Interchange
- » commencement of bridge construction along the Centenary Highway and Ipswich Motorway
- » constructing large retaining walls along the Centenary Highway and within the Centenary Highway Interchange
- » major drainage work at the Centenary Highway Interchange
- » constructing a new service road to the north of the Ipswich Motorway.

Traffic management

A number of minor and major traffic changes will be required during the upgrade. Construction will be staged in a way that minimises disruption to traffic by ensuring a minimum of two lanes remain open in each direction during peak times of the day, with a maximum speed limit of 80km per hour.

During construction, every effort is being made to minimise any possible impact on motorists, the local community and the natural environment. Main Roads use the following strategies to maintain traffic flow and ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and workers during this project:

- » reducing speed limits to a maximum of 80km along the Centenary Highway and Ipswich Motorway
- » installing concrete barriers
- » installing fencing to reduce driver distractions
- » providing a minimum lane width of 3.5 metres

- » installing signs to provide information on important traffic changes
- » providing emergency bays

- » providing traffic management personnel for an immediate response in the event of an incident until emergency services arrive.

Major traffic changes

The first of these was the Ipswich Motorway eastbound on-ramp to Centenary Highway Interchange southbound (towards Springfield) which permanently closed on 29 June 2008.

The following on and off ramps within Stage one works, east of Sandy Creek, Wacol, will be progressively closed over the next two years:

- » Permanent closure of the eastbound service road off-ramp from the Centenary Highway Interchange from September 2008

- » Permanent closure of the Bakery Road on-ramp from September 2008
- » Temporary closure of the Bullockhead Street off-ramp from October 2008, for approximately three months (the Bullockhead Street off-ramp will be permanently closed in late 2009)
- » Permanent closure of the Centenary Highway northbound off-ramp onto Ipswich Motorway westbound (towards Ipswich) from May 2009
- » Permanent closure of the Centenary Highway southbound off-ramp onto Kelliher Road, Darra from January 2010.



Key Project Milestones

- 1 September 2009 – opening of the right-hand turns from the Centenary Highway to the Ipswich Motorway
 - 2 February 2010 – completion of Ipswich Motorway section between Jervis Street Darra and Sandy Creek Wacol
 - 3 March 2010 – completion of Centenary Highway works
 - 4 June 2010 – handover of Darra to Springfield Rail Corridor.
- » December 2010 – project completion

Meeting the community

During March and April, community information displays were held at numerous locations throughout the local area, including shopping centres, industrial estates, schools and libraries.

Displays were staffed by members of the project team and provided detailed information about the upgrade design, timeframes and construction impacts. The team spoke to hundreds of community

members who expressed a keen interest in the project and a desire for further information to be provided over the course of project delivery.

Main Roads would like to thank those community members who attended the information displays and provided their feedback. For those that could not attend the displays, detailed project information is available by visiting the Main Roads website or by calling 1800 605 410.

Main Roads is also offering a mobile phone SMS alert service for the Wacol to Darra project. Simply log on to www.wacol2darra.com.au and register your details to receive free project updates and traffic announcements direct to your mobile phone.

Visitor Information Centre

Main Roads has established a dedicated Visitor Information Centre for this project to provide the community with detailed information from the project team.

The Visitor Information Centre will be located at the SAFELink Alliance site office at Centenary Highway Park, Darra (the previous site of the Wests Centenary Junior Rugby League Football Club).

An official opening is planned for September 2008.

Right: an artist's impression of the Visitor Information Centre.

