

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Safety upgrades for Byrnes Street, Mareeba

Works to improve pedestrian safety on Byrnes Street in Mareeba are almost complete.

A/Regional Director (North Queensland) Kylee Petersen said the new crossings were installed to improve safety on the main street of Mareeba, where there was a history of crashes involving pedestrians.

"The four raised pedestrian facilities on Mareeba's main street are now completed, including line marking and signs," Ms Petersen said.

"The raised pedestrian facilities encourage motorists to slow down. Pedestrians need to give way to traffic when they cross at these facilities, as there are no zebra stripes on them.

"We have seen at similar locations in Queensland, raised pedestrian facilities have reduced vehicle speed and lowered the severity and rate of crashes."

Ms Petersen said works for the fifth and final safety upgrade in Byrnes Street started last month (late June).

"Works have started near the Post Office to upgrade this section of the main street to a signalised crossing," Ms Petersen said.

"Some on-street parking will be temporarily unavailable during construction for the safety of pedestrians and our workers.

"Before the start of the works, we contacted businesses on Byrnes Street to advise about the changes to parking. These car parks will be reinstated when the works for the signalised crossing are completed this month (late July), conditions permitting.

"The majority of the works will be carried out at night to minimise disruptions and we will continue to make every effort to minimise the impact on businesses.

"We appreciate the patience of the community while we undertake these important safety works."

The upgrades to the five pedestrian crossings on Byrnes Street are part of a \$17.27 million program of road safety upgrades.

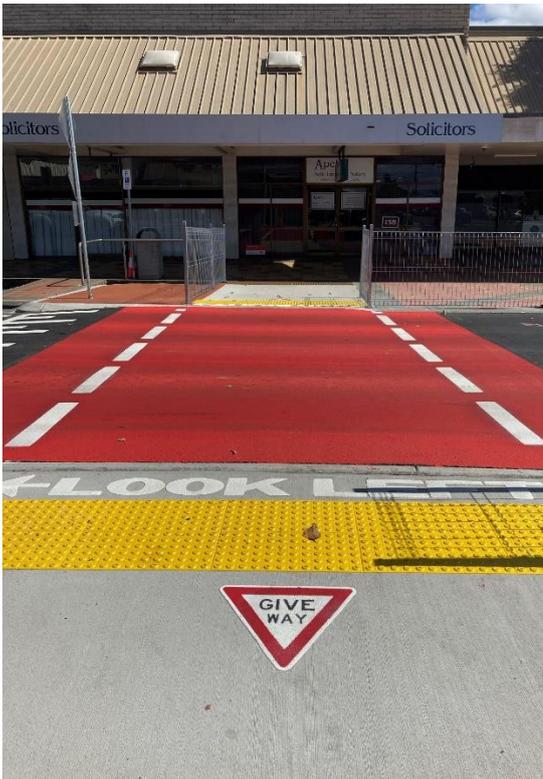
The upgrades included:

- a raised pedestrian facility near Hort Street
- a raised pedestrian facility between Hort Street and Atherton Street (near the ANZ)
- a raised pedestrian facility near Atherton Street
- a raised pedestrian facility near Lloyd Street
- a signalised crossing near the Post Office complex

The program of road safety upgrades is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments and works have been carried out at several locations across Far North Queensland.



Raised pedestrian facility on Byrnes Street in Mareeba.



Pedestrians need to give way to traffic on the raised pedestrian facilities on Byrnes Street in Mareeba.

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