

# Montrose roundabout intersection upgrade



Q&A Fact Sheet  
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## Q. Why does the roundabout need to change?

Roundabouts work best when there is an even traffic flow from all approaches with safe gaps in the traffic to enter and exit the roundabout.

With increased traffic loads, the roundabout is experiencing significant congestion issues. There are more than 33,000 vehicles travelling along Canterbury Road through the intersection every day, and the roundabout is no longer effective as a major intersection of multiple roads, especially during the afternoon peak period. It has created serious traffic flow issues and potential safety concerns.

## Q. How will traffic lights help?

The new traffic lights at the intersection will be synchronised with the Stradbroke Road lights and pedestrian crossing on Leith Road, to provide optimal traffic flow along Canterbury Road and Mount Dandenong Road.

During peak periods, we'll be able to provide more 'green' time to improve the flow of traffic. During the off peak periods, the traffic will be balanced to cater for demands from all approaches to ensure optimal efficiency.

## Q. Will there be additional lanes created, to help streamline traffic flow?

The Montrose intersection upgrade will provide a third lane outbound from Mount Dandenong Road through the intersection. This will form two lanes once again after the Leith Road pedestrian crossing.

## Q. Will these additional lanes impact on local properties – through a wider road space?

No. There will be a new lane created (on Mt Dandenong Road), but this will fit within the existing road space. It won't impact – through a wider road space – on any residential or commercial properties.

## Q. Public transport is important to me – will the bus stop on Mount Dandenong Road (heading inbound after Stradbroke Road) still be there?

Yes, the bus stop on Mount Dandenong Road inbound after Stradbroke Road will still be there.

## Q. There are two bus stops within short distance to the CFA, why is that?

The bus stop on the west side of the CFA is for the 679 and 688 bus routes. The bus stop on the east side of the CFA is expected to be a low volume bus stop for school buses in the area.

## Q. Are there any additional pedestrian crossings?

The proposed intersection upgrade at the Montrose roundabout includes additional pedestrian crossings on Mt Dandenong Road, Montrose Road and Mount Dandenong Tourist Road. Together with the new pedestrian crossing on Mount Dandenong Road near Stradbroke Road, we'll be providing a continuous connection for the local community to access local shops, parks and amenities.

## Q. On Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, there is no opening for vehicles to turn right back up the Dandenongs, how can they turn right?

To make things safer on Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, we'll be installing new pedestrian lights and extend the existing centre median to Devenish Avenue. Motorists will then need to make the decision whether to park in front of or behind the local shops.

When parking in front of the shops, motorists will need to complete a U-turn at the intersection.

When parking behind the shops, vehicles will be able to safely turn right on to Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, towards the Dandenongs.

## Q. How will the lights at Stradbroke Road assist CFA volunteers accessing the station?

The new pedestrian lights at Stradbroke Road will turn red when vehicles queue in the right turn lane to enter the CFA allowing easier and safer movement. It will also provide a safer crossing point for CFA volunteers who are parking and need to cross Mount Dandenong Road.

## Q. Will there be any parking being removed, especially on Mount Dandenong Tourist Road?

Overall, parking levels will be maintained – with a potential slight increase in parking – in this busy shopping area. While parking spaces on Devenish Avenue will no longer be available, additional parking spaces are being provided in front of the local shops on Mount Dandenong Tourist Road.

## Q. What other parking is being created?

We are also currently working with Yarra Ranges Council in relation to timed parking along Mount Dandenong Road. Further information will be available closer to the start of the project.