

Point Nepean Road, Sorrento

Pedestrian operated signalised crossing

Project update
July 2022

We're making it safer for pedestrians to cross Point Nepean Road in Sorrento with a new pedestrian signalised crossing.

What we're doing

The Australian Government and the Victorian Government are boosting safety and accessibility by delivering new pedestrian signalised crossings along Point Nepean Road near Tyrone Avenue in Rye and Holyrood Avenue in Sorrento, as well as a new pedestrian refuge island on Point Nepean Road near Codrington Street in Dromana.

These upgrades are part of the Australian Government's Road Safety Program being delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government to deliver safer, connected journeys in Victoria, while supporting our economic recovery.

Works have started on the Rye and Dromana sites and works will begin on the new pedestrian signalised crossing in Sorrento in early August.

Why we chose this location in Sorrento

We have heard concerns that there are insufficient safe crossing locations and the high vehicle volumes, particularly during holiday periods, make it hard for people to find safe gaps to cross the road.

In Sorrento there is a 3.5 kilometre section of Point Nepean Road with only two pedestrian refuges and no signalised crossings.

After reviewing multiple sites along Point Nepean Road, the Department of Transport decided on Holyrood Avenue as the preferred site for a pedestrian operated signalised crossing.

The crossing at Holyrood Avenue will provide safer access to the beach, playground, public toilets, camping ground, residential areas, bus stops and will connect to the Bay Trail which connects to the Sorrento township and the Yacht Club via the foreshore reserve.

Providing a new safer crossing place at Holyrood Avenue will allow pedestrians to more safely access these

Community engagement

People reached



929
visits to the
VicRoads website



34
people attended an
information session



38
feedback submissions
provided



6468
people reached
through Facebook

recreational amenities and the Bay Trail in time for peak summer season this year.

In 2021, our project development team engaged with members of Mornington Peninsula Council, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, the Foreshore Committee and Rye Community Group Alliance to understand potential locations.

In April 2022, we informed the community of the priority sites to be upgraded via a mailout and engaged with directly impacted residents and business.

Following community interest in the project, the Department of Transport hosted two community information sessions at the Sorrento Community Centre on 25 June and 29 June, 2022.

What we heard

Through our information sessions, face-to-face site visits and written submissions, you told us:

- There needs to be more places for pedestrians to safely cross on Point Nepean Road and there are other priority sites in Sorrento, such as St Pauls Road or outside the Yacht club at nearby Tuckey Track.
- The community values parking in the area and would like to see any parking losses minimised.
- Existing pedestrian refuges could be made more prominent so drivers are aware of pedestrians
- There are no footpaths along Point Nepean Road in this area.
- The roadside vegetation on Point Nepean Road can create line of sight issues and hazards for pedestrians and cyclists needing to walk on the roadside and road shoulder.
- The community would like to be involved in future opportunities for pedestrian infrastructure projects being developed in the area.

You asked

Q: Why is the crossing not at Tuckey Track?

A: A signalised crossing at Tuckey Track would potentially impact private property, require parking loss and relocation of underground services, cause significant vegetation removal and would not provide access to bus stops. The location selected will allow us to build a crossing everyone can use, including people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices, and not prevent footpath upgrades in the future.

Q: Can a footpath be built along Point Nepean Road?

A: We have heard that the community would like to see additional pedestrian infrastructure, such as footpaths, delivered on Point Nepean Road.

We remain committed to improving road safety on the Mornington Peninsula, and additional pedestrian projects will be subject to further consideration for funding.

Local councils and shires hold the responsibility for the delivery and maintenance of footpaths, and any involvement from the Department of Transport in the delivery of footpaths would be dependent on the infrastructure required.

Any future pedestrian infrastructure, including footpaths, would be developed alongside Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to accessibility standards to provide safe access for all path users and would need to carefully consider site constraints, environmental impacts, above and below ground utility services and land availability as part of the design.

Q: Can the bus stop be moved to retain the parking outside Loquat restaurant?

A: The Department has reviewed feedback from nearby residents and businesses and understand the importance the community places on parking in this area. Following this feedback, we were able to revise the design to retain informal parking spaces whilst still providing an appropriate and safe location for the bus stop.



New signage has been installed on approach to St Pauls Road to alert drivers of pedestrian activity.

Improving motorist awareness of pedestrians

The community has told us that they would like to see existing pedestrian crossing infrastructure in Sorrento upgraded, however the purpose of this project is to provide additional safer places to move between residential and recreational areas on Point Nepean Road.

We value the input the community has provided on the existing pedestrian refuges on Point Nepean Road. Following feedback from the community, we have installed additional signs along Point Nepean Road near Lister Avenue, St Pauls Road and The Esplanade in Sorrento to help alert drivers of pedestrians crossing Point Nepean Road at these locations.

Next steps

Following the community information sessions, the project was endorsed by council in July.

Our crews will be on site in August to begin building the new pedestrian crossing, with works expected to be completed by October.



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