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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SET TO IMPROVE AS WORK STARTS ON GOLDEN HIGHWAY AT MERRIWA

Michael Johnsen MP today announced Roads and Maritime Services has started safety improvement work at the intersections of the Golden Highway and Bow and Vennacher streets at Merriwa.

“The NSW Government has funded $300,000 to improve motorists’ visibility and pedestrian safety by upgrading the crossings at both these local intersections,” Mr Johnsen said.

“Roads and Maritime thanks the community for providing feedback on the proposal in November last year and has considered the comments received from the community and Upper Hunter Shire Council to finalise the design,” Mr Johnsen continued.

“Changes made to the initial design include installing a concrete island in the median near the Merriwa RSL Club to discourage vehicles from driving on the new painted median where pedestrians may be standing.

“The concrete island will also be extended around the corner of Vennacher Street to allow Council to upgrade the pedestrian crossing at the same time the work on the highway is carried out.

“The changes will also allow the stop-line to be brought forward closer to the highway to improve sight lines for motorists turning onto the highway.”

The project will be delivered by Upper Hunter Shire Council on behalf of Roads and Maritime.
Work will take place on weekdays between 7am and 6pm and Saturdays between 7am and 1pm for up to eight weeks, weather permitting.

Lane closures, traffic control and a reduced speed limit will be in place to ensure the safety of workers and road users.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for its patience while this essential upgrade is carried out.

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