Construction is now well underway for the Albion Park Rail bypass, a 9.8 kilometre extension of the M1 Princes Motorway between Yallah and Oak Flats.

Key activities we have started or are already complete include:

- Installing safety and environmental controls
- Clearing trees and vegetation
- Establishing site compounds, stockpiles and haul routes
- Installing site fencing, barriers and signage
- Identifying, protecting and relocating utility services such as gas, power, water and communications
- Importing materials
- Installing drainage
- Bulk excavation and earthwork

We expect you will be driving on the completed bypass in 2022.

**Community information session**

You are invited to a public community information session where you will be able to find out more about the project, ask questions and meet members of the project team.

**When:** Thursday 13 June, 6pm to 8pm
**Where:** Centenary Hall
108A Tongarra Road, Albion Park

To register your attendance please contact 1800 708 727 or email APRbypass@fultonhogan.com.au
What’s next?

Over the coming months you will begin to see an increase in construction activities, including:

**Start of construction on bridges**

The project team will begin installing concrete foundations (piles) for the twin bridges over Yallah Road and Macquarie Rivulet in late May. Work to install bridge foundations for the 13 bridges across the project will continue for about 12 months.

**Bulk excavation and earthworks**

To build the bypass we need to import about two million tonnes of fill material. Bulk excavation and earthworks has started and will ramp up over the coming months. You will also start to see an increase in the size of equipment being used as large scrapers and surface miners arrive on site.

**Traffic changes during construction**

There will be some temporary traffic changes to vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian access during construction including lane closures, stop/slow traffic control and reduced speed limits.

For the latest traffic updates call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic App.

**Aboriginal and cultural heritage**

Earlier this year, the project team took part in a traditional smoking and cleansing ceremony to acknowledge the cultural importance of the area before the start of major construction.

The ceremony was held at Darcy Dunster Reserve in Yallah and was performed by local indigenous group Gumaraa.

Archaeologists have also completed salvage of artifacts for the project which confirm that the area was used by mobile hunter gatherers in the past.

**Protecting our environment**

In February this year the project team undertook a process of draining a number of existing dams within the project alignment; a process called ‘dewatering’. As part of this process, the project team work closely with ecologists to identify any fauna in the area to be relocated or protected.

Animals such as turtles, eels and frogs are then carefully relocated and the water is drained to a depth specified by the ecologist. The team then wait 48 hours to allow any remaining animals to naturally leave the area before starting excavation.

The project team has built new water quality basins to replace the dams removed. This involves planting native land and aquatic vegetation which will encourage the re-introduction of fauna back into the area.
Managing impacts during night work

Managing the safety of our workers and road users is critically important to the project team. In addition, we aim to limit our impacts on traffic for the thousands of motorists that use the bypass each day. To achieve this, some of our construction activities are being done outside of our standard construction hours of Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 5pm.

Any work done outside of these hours will be carried out in accordance with our Environment Protection Licence (EPL) and we will notify residents likely to be affected by this work in advance.

We will also make every effort to minimise impacts to you during night work by using noise shields where possible and scheduling work so noisier activities are completed earlier in the night where possible. A member of the project team will also be available to speak with you during night work if you have any questions or would like to make a complaint.

Where to find us

The community display centre is located on the site of the old nursery at the corner of Illawarra Highway and Princes Highway, Albion Park Rail.
Croom Regional Sporting Complex brick salvage

As part of the work to relocate clubs within the Croom Regional Sporting Complex, more than 500 bricks were salvaged from the cricket and AFL clubhouse in an effort to help preserve the rich history and local significance of the two sporting clubs.

The bricks, some of which had been signed by players and members over the years, were retrieved and donated back to the Albion Park Crows Junior AFL Club and the Rail Cricket Club who have called the building home for over 30 years.

The clubs plan to use the bricks as part of a memorial being built at the new clubhouse location.

Traffic changes

Major traffic switches on Yallah Road and the East West Link in late 2019

There will be some significant traffic changes for motorists travelling on Yallah Road and the East West Link towards the end of the year. These changes are planned to start from November, weather permitting and will involve moving traffic onto sections of newly built road.

We will continue to provide up-to-date information on planned changes to traffic as work progresses.