

Name of meeting:	Grafton Business Liaison Group (North)
Location of meeting:	Grafton Bridge Project Site Office
Meeting facilitator:	Fulton Hogan
Date:	Tuesday, 12 March 2019 Time: 6pm to 6.30pm
Attendees:	Representatives of businesses on Clarence Street, Pound Street, RMS and Fulton Hogan
Subject:	New Grafton bridge project

MEETING MINUTES

Janice Smith welcomed the group and summarized the outcomes from the last meeting. Aidan Thompson provided an update on the work occurring along Pound Street.

Apologies mentioned for Bryan Felton, Jenna Atherton, Allan Rowles and Robert Bennett.

The following table comprises the group's questions and the project team's answers.

Q.	Is the road work still happening in stages?
A.	Yes, we are currently working on the TAFE side of Pound Street. The one-way traffic arrangement on Pound Street is still in place.
Q.	Will maintenance be carried out on the Villiers Street roundabout?
A.	Yes, we have to replace parts of the concrete pavement.
Q.	Will Pound Street re-open to two-way traffic flow when the roundabout work is being done?
A.	No, Pound Street will remain one-way until parts of the concrete pavement are replaced at the roundabout. We are planning on carrying out the work at night to minimise impacts to businesses and motorists. We will need to consult with residents about the work outside of normal construction hours.
Q.	Is there a barrier to separate the four lanes of traffic on Pound Street? Grafton Shoppingworld is talking to Council about whether they will also put a barrier down Pound Street adjacent to the shopping centre and change the on-street parking arrangements.
A.	Yes, there will be a low barrier to separate the four lanes of traffic.
Q.	Can the landscaping adjacent to Jada Hair Salon be completed sooner rather than later or, if the landscaping is still a way off, can the area be top-soiled and the crowd barriers be removed? The car park opposite has been landscaped and looks good. We want the

	business to look good as well.
A.	Yes, we will look into completing the landscaping.
Q.	In the car park on the corner of Pound and Clarence streets, a customer's vehicle was hit by another vehicle today that left the scene. It's not the first time that this has happened. Line marking occurred to make the car parks wider than they were originally, but it still is hard to get a vehicle in and out.
A.	We will have another look at the line marking.
Q.	When is the project expected to be completed?
A.	The project is on track to have the bridge open to traffic by the end of this year We expect to complete the upgrade of Pound Street and Villiers Street roundabout by June, weather permitting.
Q.	Are there any service interruptions coming up as a result of the project?
A.	There will be a small interruption to water supply on Saturday 16 March, those impacted have been informed. There is also some power pole work occurring at the intersection of Dobie and Villiers streets next month.
Q.	Will there be work associated with the delivery of one of the steel trusses on Saturday?
A.	Yes the steel truss will need to be unloaded and that will take some time. Work will be occurring after 1pm on Saturday but the work has been assessed as being inaudible due to noise mats being placed around the work.
Q.	Will the crane needed to unload the truss be transported over the existing Grafton Bridge?
A.	The crane needed to unload the truss does not need to be transported. It is able to be driven over the existing Grafton bridge. The steel truss will come via the Gwydir Highway, Rogans Bridge Road, Clarence Way, Summerland Way and then into Grafton.
	Meeting concluded at 6:30pm. Next meeting (TBC)