

Name of meeting:	Grafton Business Liaison Group (North)
Location of meeting:	Grafton Bridge Project Site Office
Meeting facilitator:	Fulton Hogan
Date:	Tuesday, 16 October 2018 Time: 6pm to 8pm
Attendees:	Representatives of businesses on Clarence Street, Pound Street, Roads and Maritime Services and Fulton Hogan
Subject:	New Grafton bridge project

MEETING MINUTES

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

Apologies mentioned for Greg Nash and Hamish Gray.

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

Q.	How is the process going to reduce the size of the rain gardens or deleting them to increase car parks going?
A.	It's a work in progress. We want to maximise the number of car parks available on Pound Street. The changes need to be discussed with the urban designer who will be on site next week and consultation has to occur with the Department of Planning, which approved the Urban Design and Landscaping Plan, as well as Council.
Q.	When will the footpath on the corner of Clarence and Pound streets happen? We have a footpath there now and some of the hair salon's clients are elderly or disabled. We need to have a footpath to maintain access.
A.	Yes a footpath will be constructed. We have recognised that there is an issue with the design in that location. <i>Post-meeting note: A new footpath will be built prior to Christmas.</i>
Q.	Will the work on the Villiers Street roundabout be done at the same time as the work being done in front of BF Industries?
A.	The work on the roundabout will commence in the New Year. The work in front of BF Industries will be completed in early December, weather permitting.

Q.	What happens to the area fronting the car park on the corner of Clarence and Pound streets?
A.	Turf will be laid.
Q.	Has the pile driving finished?
A.	Yes the pile driving is finished. <i>Post meeting note: all piles are complete</i>
Q.	Is April 2019 the completion date for Pound Street works?
A.	Yes, weather permitting.
Q.	What will happen with construction traffic for the new rail bridge?
A.	There will be large trucks to deliver cranes and the steel truss bridge itself. The rail bridge is being fabricated in Sydney. Demolition of the old bridge and installation of the new bridge is scheduled for the June 2019 long weekend. This will include night work. Traffic control will be used to manage entry into the site for construction traffic. There will be no restrictions for motorists on Clarence Street during this time.
Q.	When will traffic be able to use the road under the rail bridge?
A.	Traffic will be able to use the road when the project is completed and the bridge is opened. This will occur in late 2019, weather permitting.
Q.	Is the main bridge on schedule?
A.	The main bridge is on track to open to traffic in late 2019.
Q.	When will the traffic lights go in at the intersection of Clarence and Pound streets?
A.	Don't have an exact date at the moment. We can get back to you about this. <i>Post-meeting note: We are aiming to install the infrastructure for the traffic lights in the first half of 2019. The lights will not be operational until the new Grafton bridge opens to traffic.</i>
Q.	With the light poles on Pound Street, when will the lights be attached?
A.	We are waiting on approval from Essential Energy regarding installing LED lights. We may install

	temporary lights and then swap them over when the permanent lighting is approved. The approval could potentially take six weeks.
Q.	When it stops raining, will water carts be used to prevent dust?
A.	Yes, reducing dust associated with our construction work is an important aspect of reducing the impact on the community and residents.
	Meeting concluded at 6:45pm. Next meeting January 2019 (TBC)