

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Pennant Road upgrade to improve safety**

A significant upgrade of Pennant Road and its intersection with Sandridge Road over the next two months will result in improved safety for pedestrians and motorists.

Pennant Road will be closed to all traffic from 18 January while the work is carried out. It includes the installation of new stormwater drainage, replacement of the kerbing and construction of a new asphalt road surface.

Traffic lights will also be installed at the intersection of Pennant and Sandridge roads, which will include a pedestrian phase to allow the residents of Sandridge Park to cross Sandridge Road with increased safety.

Director Works and Services Gavin Harris said Pennant Road was first opened in 1980 and since then the road had seen a steady growth in the volume of traffic, especially as the Bunbury Forum Shopping Centre continued to expand.

“The City of Bunbury has carried out regular minor maintenance on the road, however, the road surface is showing signs of distress and it requires major work,” Mr Harris said.

“It was important for us to carry out the work in the shortest possible timeframe to ensure minimal disruption to businesses in the area and to avoid roadworks during the busy Easter period.

“For these reasons we have determined that closing Pennant Road for the duration of the works, which is expected to take until 18 March, is the best way to achieve this.”

Mr Harris said the installation of traffic lights would also improve safety in the area.

“The City has received requests to provide a safe pedestrian crossing point in this area and the installation of traffic lights, combined with the improvements to Pennant Road, allows us to achieve this,” he said.

“The traffic lights will also considerably improve safety for motorists turning right on to Sandridge Road from Pennant Road.”

Alternative access off Sandridge Road will be provided for the residential properties in Forum Way, Stubbs Close and Oleander Place during the roadworks.

Access to the McDonald’s store will only be available via the Bunbury Forum Shopping Centre car park. Access to Woolworths Petrol will be via Sandridge Road and the Forum car park.

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