

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Pennant Road upgrade progressing well**

Work to upgrade Pennant Road and its intersection with Sandridge Road is surging ahead with an anticipated reopening in around four weeks.

The significant upgrade 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 the upgrade would result in improved safety for pedestrians and motorists.

“The road surface had been showing signs of distress and it required 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.”

Mr Harris said the decision to install traffic lights followed requests from the public.

“A safe pedestrian crossing point in this area has been seen as a priority 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 continues to be provided for the residential properties in Forum Way, Stubbs Close and Oleander Place during the roadworks.

Access to the McDonald’s store is 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.

There will also be traffic management at the intersection of Pennant Road and Strickland Street to allow for works.

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