Traffic changes in South Grafton from Tuesday 26 May 2020

Work to build a new roundabout at the intersection of the current Pacific Highway (soon to be Big River Way) and the Gwydir Highway (Charles Street) is nearing completion. To allow for the final stage of work on the roundabout to start, traffic changes are planned from Tuesday 26 May. The changes will include opening a temporary roundabout arrangement and moving traffic from Big River Way onto Iolanthe Street.

With the upgraded section of the Pacific Highway between Glenugie and Tyndale expected to open soon, finishing work can start on the new roundabout at the intersection of the old Pacific Highway (soon to be Big River Way) and Gwydir Highway (Charles Street). The finishing work to the roundabout will include building kerb and gutter, removal of temporary pavement and landscaping. This work is expected to take **10 weeks** to complete, weather permitting, at which point the new roundabout will be opened to traffic.

Before the finishing work can start, we will need to switch traffic from Big River Way onto Iolanthe Street, as per the final traffic arrangement.

To minimise impacts to nearby business and motorists, preparation work for the traffic switch, such as installing new asphalt and line-marking, will be carried out at night between 7pm and 5am from Wednesday 20 May and will take eight nights to complete. We have already consulted nearby residents and businesses about night work at this location.

Traffic changes

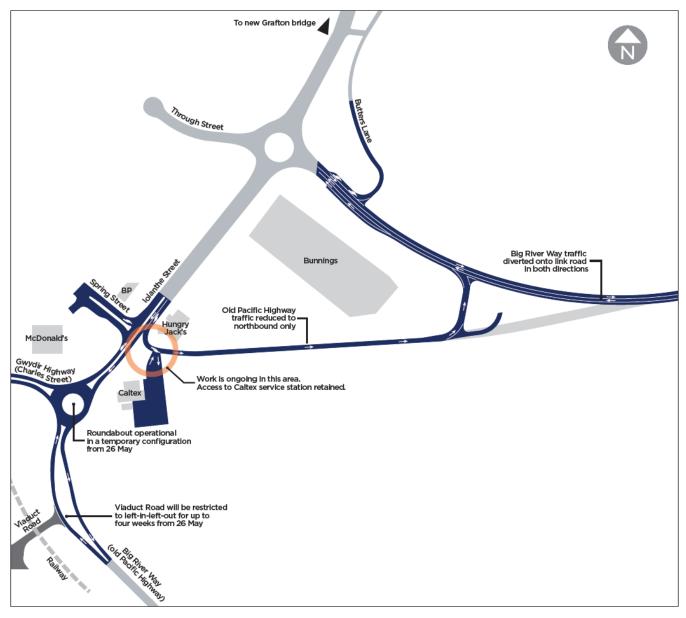The following traffic changes will be implemented from next week (we have included a map):

- **Wednesday 20 May:** final linemarking at night in Iolanthe Street before the signalised pedestrian crossing is activated the following day.

- **Thursday 21 May:** the signalised pedestrian crossing in Iolanthe Street will be turned on during the day. At night, drainage work will start at the connection to Big River Way north of Bunnings. At the intersection of Big River Way and the Gwydir Highway (Charles Street), preliminary work to rearrange construction barriers will be carried out and will take up to three nights to complete.

- **From Tuesday 26 May:** the intersection of Big River Way and the Gwydir Highway (Charles Street) will be opened in a temporary configuration to allow for the completion work on the new roundabout. With this change, the main traffic flow on Big River Way will be directed down Iolanthe Street to the roundabout at Through Street (north and southbound). Final asphalting work will be carried out north of Bunnings to allow traffic to be diverted onto Big River Way in both directions.

- **From Tuesday 26 May:** the section of old Pacific Highway near Bunnings will be restricted to northbound traffic only to enable access to local businesses and will link up with Big River Way in a southbound direction only. This is consistent with the final traffic arrangement.

- **From Tuesday 26 May:** southbound traffic on Iolanthe Street turning will no longer be able to turn right into Sprint Street. Traffic will be able to use the new roundabout at the Gwydir Highway (Charles Street) intersection to turn around and turn left into Spring Street. This is consistent with the final traffic arrangement.

- **From Tuesday 26 May:** to allow for the completion of the final road pavement work near Viaduct Road, access to Viaduct Road will be restricted to left in, left-out only for up to four weeks. Motorists will be able to use the Gwydir Highway (Charles Street) and Ryan Street to access the area.

- **From Tuesday 26 May:** access to the Caltex service station will change. Vehicles will be able to turn left from Iolanthe Street onto the old section of the Pacific Highway and into the Caltex service station.

Contact us

If you have any questions about the upcoming traffic changes please contact the Community Relations Team via phone 1800 918 759, email [graftonbridgecommunity@fultonhogan.com.au.](mailto:graftonbridgecommunity@fultonhogan.com.au)

Traffic changes in South Grafton from 26 May 2020

To new Grafton bridge

Through Street

Butters Lane

Bunnings

Big River Way traffic diverted onto link road in both directions

BP

Spring Street

Iolanthe Street

McDonald's

Hungry Jack's

Old Pacific Highway traffic reduced to northbound only

Gwydir Highway (Charles Street)

Caltex

Work is ongoing in this area. Access to Caltex service station retained.

Roundabout operational in a temporary configuration from 26 May

Viaduct Road

Railway

Big River Way (old Pacific Highway)

Viaduct Road will be restricted to left-in-left-out for up to four weeks from 26 May

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Final traffic arrangement in South Grafton from early June once new roundabout is operational