

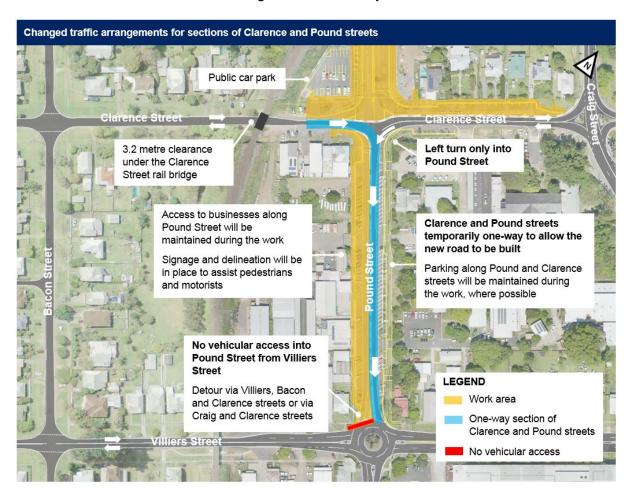


Changed traffic arrangements for Clarence and Pound streets

The NSW Government is funding the new \$240 million Grafton bridge. As part of the work, sections of Clarence and Pound streets will temporarily become one-way to allow the new road to be built.

From **Monday**, **14 May 2018**, weather permitting, the section of Clarence Street between Pound Street and the rail viaduct, and the section of Pound Street between Clarence Street and Villiers Street **will temporarily become one-way only** (refer to map).

The work in Pound and Clarence streets is being targeted for completion in early 2019, weather permitting. Pound and Clarence streets will change back to two-way traffic when the work is finished.



These temporary changes have been developed in consultation with local businesses, residents and stakeholders and have incorporated this feedback into the construction staging. The temporary traffic arrangements will allow access to be maintained for residents, businesses and North Coast TAFE while the new roads are being built. Pedestrian access will also be maintained during the work. However some disruption will still be experienced and we ask for patience during this period. Please contact the project directly on 1800 918 759 or graftonbridgecommunity@fultonhogan.com.au with any feedback, concerns or complaints.

There will be some out of hours work, including on the weekend and at night, to ensure we minimise impacts to businesses and the community as much as possible. We will let the community know before out of hours work occurs.

As work in this area progresses, additional changes will be required. Residents, businesses, emergency services, North Coast TAFE and Grafton Radio Taxi Co-op will continue to be consulted about the changes.

Traffic changes

The changes mean motorists will not be able to access Pound Street from Villiers Street and motorists will need to access North Coast TAFE and Pound Street businesses from Clarence Street.

The Clarence Street rail viaduct has a 3.2 metre clearance. Pound Street access for high vehicles will be via Clarence Street. High and heavy vehicles travelling across the existing bridge from South Grafton will be able to use the roundabout at the intersection of Villiers and Fitzroy streets to access Clarence Street.

Sign posting and variable message signs will be in place in advance of the traffic changes to advise motorists of the changed traffic arrangements. A 40km/h speed restriction will be in place and road users are asked to observe any directions given by the traffic controllers.

The section of Clarence Street between Pound and Craig streets will remain two-way.

We understand these changes may add time to some journeys, particularly during peak times. Motorists are asked to plan their journeys and allow extra time for their trips.

What's happening?

Clarence and Pound streets are being rebuilt in stages to allow them to remain open during work. Work in Clarence Street is expected to be completed before the end of this year, while the work in Pound Street will be completed in early 2019, weather permitting.

The finished work will:

- widen Pound and Clarence streets to four lanes
- include room for on-street parking on Clarence Street
- enable turning movements on Clarence Street
- include footpaths on Clarence and Pound streets.

The work will include:

- installing barriers to protect traffic and workers
- excavating
- treating foundations
- backfilling
- relocating services
- relocating and building new footpaths and kerbs
- laying pavement and asphalt
- installing new street lighting and landscaping.

The machinery used to carry out this work will include:

- excavators
- backhoes
- trucks
- graders
- rollers
- spray seal trucks
- asphalt pavers
- kerb machines.

How will this work affect you?

In addition to the changed traffic arrangements, there will be noise, dust and vibration impacts.

To reduce noise impacts we will:

- use appropriate work planning and machinery selection to reduce the duration of the work
- switch off machinery when not in use
- manage truck routes to reduce the number of heavy vehicles in the area
- use 'squawkers' instead of 'beepers' on vehicles.

To reduce dust impacts we will:

- water areas to reduce dust particles in the air
- modify work during periods of high wind
- revegetate areas as soon as possible

- apply dust binders which help the soil stick together and prevent small dust particles forming
- monitor dust levels and evaluate mitigation measures if they exceed allowable limits.

To reduce vibration impacts, we will:

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We thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete this work.

Contact us

If you would like to make an enquiry or complaint, or to register your general feedback, please contact the Community Relations Team on 1800 918 759. Alternatively you can email graftonbridgecommunity@fultonhogan.com.au; write to PO Box 546 Grafton, NSW 2460 or visit the Community Display Centre at the corner of Duke and Pound streets, Grafton.

For more information on this project, visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/graftonbridge.



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