



# Media Release

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## **Safer motoring as \$12.4m second stage of Jandakot Road opens**

The second stage of major works to transform a busy 3km stretch of Jandakot Road into a safer contemporary four-lane carriageway in the City's growing East ward is complete.

Duplication of the 1.3km section of Jandakot Road between Solomon Road and Berrigan Drive began in August 2021 and finished this May, transforming what was once a dangerous congested two-way rural road used by thousands of local residents and commuting motorists daily.

The work consolidates benefits already being experienced by road users as a result of the May 2020 completion of the 1.6km first stage of Jandakot Road's duplication, between Fraser Road and the Solomon Road intersection.

The \$12.4m Stage Two project was made possible with \$6.3m from the State Government's Metropolitan Regional Road Group, \$3.7m from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, and \$1.2m each from local land developers Schaffer Corporation and Stockland.

The LRCI Program supports local Councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

City of Cockburn Chief of Operations Anton Lees said work to upgrade Jandakot Road was planned across several stages to keep the community safe during major disruptions on a dangerous congested stretch of road.

"Jandakot Road was approaching the limits of safe operating capacity for a single lane rural road," Mr Lees said.

"Crash statistics show it's one of the most dangerous stretches of road in the Cockburn district which is why this project was so important.

"The shared path constructed in this stage will link up to the stage one shared path to provide an accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists heading east-west."

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Federal member for Fremantle, Josh Wilson MP said the ongoing work to improve Jandakot Road was vital for households and businesses in a vibrant and expanding area of Cockburn.

“The Jandakot Road upgrade is a really significant improvement that responds to the growth and new activity in Cockburn’s burgeoning eastern suburbs, which form one of the fastest growing urban areas in the nation,” Mr Wilson said.

“I will always push for federal funding that supports community-building projects to reduce congestion and fix safety issues for City of Cockburn residents.”

Stage two also includes:

- Construction of a roundabout at the Jandakot Road intersection with Solomon Road
- Jandakot Road intersection upgrades at Boeing Way and Falcon Place
- Construction of a new roundabout and intersection to access the Urbanstone site
- Construction of Open Grade Asphalt wearing course which will improve road surface drainage and reduce noise generated by traffic
- Drainage pipelines and structures
- Construction of retaining wall structures
- Line marking and traffic signs
- New street lighting system
- Landscaping.

Mr Lees said the City was working to improve the layouts, alignments and configurations of key distributor roads like Jandakot Road to ensure safer roads for all in Cockburn.

“Population growth creates more traffic so the City is working to reduce congestion by partnering with State and Federal Governments to improve our transport network and find sustainable transportation options to better connect our communities to our facilities,” Mr Lees said.

The third and final stage of Jandakot Road’s duplication is now in the early planning stages.

It will involve upgrades between Fraser and Warton Roads and its completion is related to the rate of development of the adjoining land to the south.

“With the growth of Treeby now progressing eastwards, we are now planning for this section of road,” he said.



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“We are currently planning community consultation, confirming the road’s design, seeking government grants and environmental approvals and progressing tenders to ensure the best value.”

Mr Lees said the City couldn’t complete road upgrades in one large project because it was often dependent on rates of nearby residential development, the purchase of land from private property owners to accommodate larger roads, and the timing and availability of State and Federal government grants.

## Jandakot Road Facts:

- 105 crashes occurred along Jandakot Road between 2013-2017, including one fatality near Coonadoo Court. A further fatality, not included in these statistics, occurred in September 2017 near the Warton Road roundabout
- Traffic forecasts estimate that 26,000 vehicles will be using Jandakot Road each day by 2031. In 2017, 15,000 vehicles per day were using the road, which is the threshold for a single lane road before duplication is required
- By 2031, there will also be an extra 20,000-30,000 people living in Jandakot, Treeby, Piara Waters, Harrisdale and Haynes, a significant number of which will use Jandakot Road to access Kwinana Freeway

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