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Works in Euroa address public safety

A variety of works have commenced in Euroa this week to address public safety at a number of busy intersections and locations.

Works at the northern end of Binney Street involve the upgrading and widening of the current traffic island to be made safer for pedestrians.

The pedestrian crossing is being located further back from the intersection to allow vehicles more time to observe crossing pedestrians when turning into Binney Street.

The widening provides for better access, particularly for prams and assisted walking devices.

Works at Binney Street are anticipated to be completed in June 2018.

The decision that further design work be undertaken to address the insufficient pedestrian width in the traffic island was endorsed by Council in December 2016, following the decision to not go ahead with a roundabout at the time.

Residents may have also observed works on Anderson Street out the front of St John's Primary School this week.

These works involve the extension of the road shoulder and the implementation of regulatory signage to establish formalised parallel parking on both sides of Anderson Street out the front of the school.

This is also being undertaken as a matter of public safety, as there is insufficient manoeuvre space to meet the current VicRoads and Australian standards required for angle parking.

Director of Community Assets Roy Hetherington said a pedestrian refuge has also been scheduled for construction at Kirkland Avenue near the intersection at Bury Street.

"This part of Kirkland Avenue has been recognised as having high pedestrian usage due to the popularity of the Travellers Rest and the Seven Creeks Park," Mr Hetherington said.

"A pedestrian refuge will allow for safer pedestrian crossing at this busy intersection and better cater for the elderly and disabled."

The crossing is also being constructed in anticipation for the new Visitor Information Centre, which will be located on the corner of the Council Offices, facing both Bury Street and the Travellers Rest on Kirkland Avenue.

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