

Buangor-Ben Nevis Road

Bridge & Road Upgrades 2026



Stage 1: Mount Cole Creek Bridge Reconstruction

A new wider, safer bridge will be constructed on Buangor-Ben Nevis Road over Mount Cole Creek at Warrak starting Monday 12 January 2026.

The current bridge is more than 70 years old and must be replaced as a matter of priority for public safety. The new bridge will be:

- Built to last at least 100 years.
- Dual carriage so cars and trucks can safely pass each other.
- More resistant to trash and debris build up during heavy flows due to its new double span design (replacing the current five span design).
- Compliant with SM1600 load ratings.
- Flood immune.
- Feature modern safety barriers.

Project schedule

It is anticipated that the bridge will be open by mid-March 2026. By using pre-cast structural elements for the bridge, we can reduce construction time on site.

Road access

The road, right up to the works area, will be accessible to local traffic only. Other vehicles must follow signed detour routes. A temporary vehicle crossing cannot be facilitated at this site due to ecological sensitivities outside of the existing bridge footprint.

We appreciate the community's patience during these important works.

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PROJECT SNAPSHOT



Project budget \$1.3 million



To be constructed by Road and Bridge Pty Ltd



Works expected to be completed by March 2026

PROJECT UPDATES

For project updates, including fact sheets and FAQs, please visit:
<https://engage.ararat.vic.gov.au/buangor-ben-nevis-road-improvements>

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