

Works Alert

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Construction starts on New Yackandandah Creek Bridge

VicRoads Regional Director, Graham Freestone today announced that the construction for the new Yackandandah Creek Bridge has begun ahead of schedule.

Mr Freestone said that the old bridge, built in 1950, suffered irreparable damage to its foundations in the December 2010 floods.

"Our contractors recently completed preliminary works in readiness for the installation of new concrete foundations for the new 55-metre bridge".

"The new bridge's foundations will start 7.5 metres below ground and will be piled into the existing rock to provide greater stability for the bridge," said Mr Freestone.

"The new bridge will be approximately 55 metres long and 11 metres wide, which is nearly two metres wider than the old bridge".

The works are the beginning of the major construction phase for the new bridge and are expected to continue for approximately one month.

"Due to the early completion of the demolition works, the project is ahead of schedule," said Mr Freestone.

"Over the coming months, the new bridge will begin to take shape with the next key phase being the placement of the bridge beams later this year".

In addition to the bridge construction, Mr Freestone said roadworks for the approaches to the new bridge would start soon.

"The realignment of the road will provide better sight distance and improved safety for approaching traffic".

VicRoads expects the new bridge to be completed by the end of January 2012, three months earlier than initially anticipated.

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