

Robert Street and Black Street, Lilydale

Special Charge Scheme Landowner
Presentation

September 2021



Welcome, I'd first like to start by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which I record this presentation. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present.

Thank you for taking the time to listen in on this landowner briefing regarding the Special Charge Scheme to construct Robert Street and Black Street, Lilydale

This briefing has been set up to provide landowners with information regarding the upcoming statutory process to declare the Special Charge Scheme, while also providing details on the project itself.

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A number of items will be covered in this presentation. We'll start by recognising the major source of funding for this project, some information about what a Special Charge Scheme is, we'll look at the project history, timeframes and key dates for the statutory process, a description of the works and, of course, what to expect during construction.



Federal Government Roads for the Community Initiative



In 2019 as part of its budgetary process the Federal Government announced a nine year, \$150 million funding plan to Yarra Ranges Council for the construction of unsealed roads in the Dandenong Ranges and surrounds.

This funding program has been named the Roads for the Community Initiative.

At its meeting held on 24 September 2019, Council endorsed a list of unsealed roads proposed for construction utilising the federal funding. Council also directed that the roads listed, with the exception of some that directly abut schools or community facilities, should be constructed by means of Special Charge Schemes.

Council greatly appreciate the substantial Federal Government Funding towards this road construction program and acknowledge the work of the Honourable Tony Smith MP, Federal Member for Casey and Speaker of the House of Representatives for his role in bringing this program to life.

What is a Special Charge Scheme?

- ▶ Landowner contributions can be sought for infrastructure improvement projects such as roads, footpaths and drainage
- ▶ Introduced where the works proposed are to the special benefit of a defined group of properties.



So, what is a special charge scheme?

A Special Charge Scheme is a means where landowner contributions can be sought for infrastructure improvement projects such as roads, footpaths and drainage.

Landowner funded schemes have been in place for many years. In fact, Council records dating back to the 1920s detail the involvement of landowners in many road and other improvement projects, e.g., drainage, footpaths, kerb and channel, etc.

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Project Overview

- ▶ Robert Street and Black Street, Lilydale are included in the priority list
- ▶ Landowners surveyed February 2021
- ▶ Sufficient landowner support received May 2021
- ▶ Detailed design in progress
- ▶ Construction anticipated to commence in March 2022



We'll now run through a little bit of history regarding this project.

Robert Street and Black Street, Lilydale were included in the list of roads prioritised for construction under the Roads for Community program in 2019

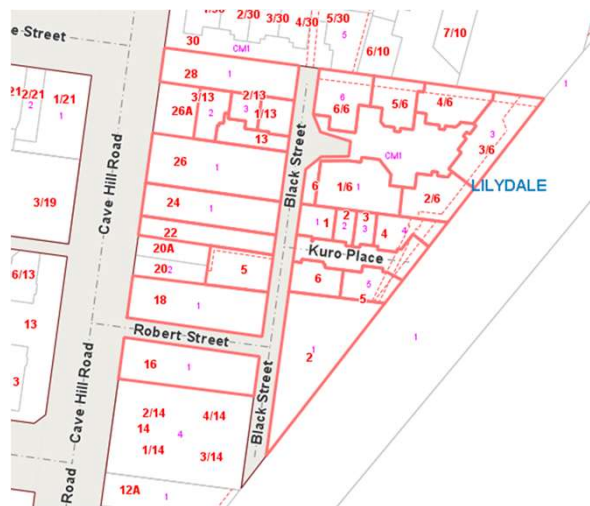
In **February 2021** landowners were surveyed to determine their support for a SCS to construct the road.

Sufficient landowner support was received in **May 2021** and landowners were advised that the project would proceed to design stage

Detailed design work is underway and the project is ready to proceed to the Statutory Phase. Subject to successful completion of the Special Charge Scheme Statutory Process, the works will then be tendered for construction.

Construction is anticipated for **Early 2022**

Properties Included in the Special Charge Scheme



This map shows the extent of the scheme with **22** Properties involved highlighted in red. The extent of works is for **137m** of road to be constructed.

Community consultation Estimated Project Cost

- ▶ Community review of the functional layout plan
- ▶ Current Estimated Project Cost (based the on functional layout plan) \$192,500 for approximately 137 metres of road.
- ▶ Council contribution via Federal Government \$38,500 (20%) landowner contribution \$154,000 (80%)
- ▶ Landowner contributions are based on a cost of \$7,000 per standard property
- ▶ Landowner contributions have been heavily subsidised utilising Federal Government Funding via the Roads for the Community Program



A functional layout plan has been prepared for the project which is available online for community review and feedback.

Based on these plans and as part of the Statutory Process landowners are provided a cost estimate of the works.

*The current Estimated Scheme Cost (based on the functional layout plan) is **\$192,500** for approximately **137** meters of road.

*Council's contribution, via the Federal Government, is **\$38,500 or 20%** of the project cost. The landowner contribution is at **\$154,000 or 80%** of the project cost.

*Landowner contributions are based on a cost of \$7,000 per standard property.

A standard property is a residential property not capable of intensive development i.e. subdivision, and that gains primary (vehicular) access from the roads being constructed.

Standard properties that share a boundary with the roads being constructed and

gain primary (vehicular) access from another road will normally pay a half charge, or \$3,500.

*Landowner contributions have been heavily subsidised utilising Federal Government Funding via the Roads for the Community Program. Without the Federal Government Funding Subsidy Standard Properties would be up for a charge in excess of \$15,000

Please be advised that we understand there are some in the community that are under financial pressure as a result of the current coronavirus crisis. For those that may be experiencing financial hardship, there will be special provision to allow them to pay their contribution towards the project over an extended period of time that meets their circumstances.

Anticipated Time Frames

• Online Landowner briefing	14 September 2021
• Report to Council - Intention to Levy	28 September 2021
• Notice to landowners - Intention to Levy	29 September 2021
• Public Notice Local Newspapers on and Council's Web Site	Week Commencing 4 October 2021
• Date Submissions to Council close	3 November 2021
• Report to Council - Declaration of Scheme	23 November 2021
• Notice to landowners - Declaration of Scheme	24 November 2021
• Submissions close to Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)	27 December 2021
• Tender Process	January - February 2022
• Works Commence	March 2022

Note: If a submission to VCAT is made the project will be placed on hold until a hearing is arranged and a written decision is made by VCAT. This may take up to 12 months.



We will now run through some key dates and timeframes to undertake the special charge scheme statutory process and proceed to construction.

- *This online landowner briefing will be available from **early September**
- *Council will consider a report recommending that landowners be advised of Councils intent to Levy a Special Charge for the construction of **Robert Street and Black Street, Lilydale** at its meeting dated **28 September 2021**
- *Following this meeting, a notice to landowners advising of the Intention to Levy a Special Charge will be mailed the very next day on **29 September 2021**
- *A Public Notice will be published in The Mail Local Newspapers & on Council's Internet Web Site on the week commencing **4 October 2021**
- *Written Submissions to the SCS (which will be discussed more shortly) can then be made to Council. The submission period closes on **3 November 2021**
- *Council will consider any submissions made at the meeting to be held on **23 November 2021**. At this meeting Council will decide to either declare or abandon the scheme.
- *Should Council declare the special charge scheme, a notice to landowners advising of the Declaration of the Scheme, will be mailed to landowners on the **24 November 2021**

*Following the declaration of the Scheme, landowners will have the opportunity to make submissions to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

Submission to VCAT will close on the **27 December 2021**

*The tender process for the construction works would begin between **January – February 2022** subject to scheme being declared by Council of course.

*If no submissions are made to VCAT works could commence by **March 2022**

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Submissions

- ▶ Landowners advised of Council intent to levy a special charge
- ▶ Public notice advising of Councils' intention to levy a special charge
- ▶ Public Submissions open to Council
- ▶ Council will decide to either Declare or Abandon the Scheme
- ▶ 30 day period to Appeal to VCAT



I will now run through some information regarding the submission process.

As mentioned earlier, after community consultation and drop-in sessions, the Notice of Intention is sent to residents. Soon after, a Public Notice advising of Council's Intent to Levy a Special Charge for the road construction project is published on Council's Website and in the Mail Newspaper.

Public submissions regarding the proposed Special Charge Scheme can then be made.

Submissions may be made in support or in opposition to the Scheme. Persons making a submission to the Scheme will be offered the opportunity of a consultation meeting with their Councillor and/or Council Officers to discuss their submission if they wish to do so.

Council will consider any public submissions made at its meeting dated **23 November 2021**. At this meeting landowners will have the opportunity to talk to their submission to Council. Council will also decide at this meeting to either Declare or Abandon the Scheme.

If Council declares the special charge scheme, a Declaration of Scheme Notice will be sent to landowners the next day. If the Scheme is Declared by Council, property owners

will have a 30 day period to appeal to VCAT.

If a submission is made to VCAT the project will be delayed until VCAT can consider the matter and deliver a written decision – this may take up to 12 months

Anticipated Time Frames - Payment Details

- ▶ The special charge is paid with your annual rates
- ▶ Repayments over 10 years (including a financing cost, currently around 3%)

If you pay your rates:

- ▶ Once a year - due on 15 February 2023
- ▶ By instalments - payments commence 30 September 2022
- ▶ By Direct Debit - payments commence on the 1st payment date after 30 June 2022

OR

- ▶ Lump Sum payment of entire Special Charge - due 15 February 2023 (financing cost does not apply to lump sum payment)



Repayment of the Special Charge can be spread over ten years (which would include a **3%** financing cost). The Financing Cost is based on current interest rates set when Council secures its' borrowings

Scheme payments are made at the same time that you pay your annual rates.

If you pay your rates once a year – 1st annual payment due on 15 February 2023.

If you pay your rates by instalments - payments commence 30 September 2022.

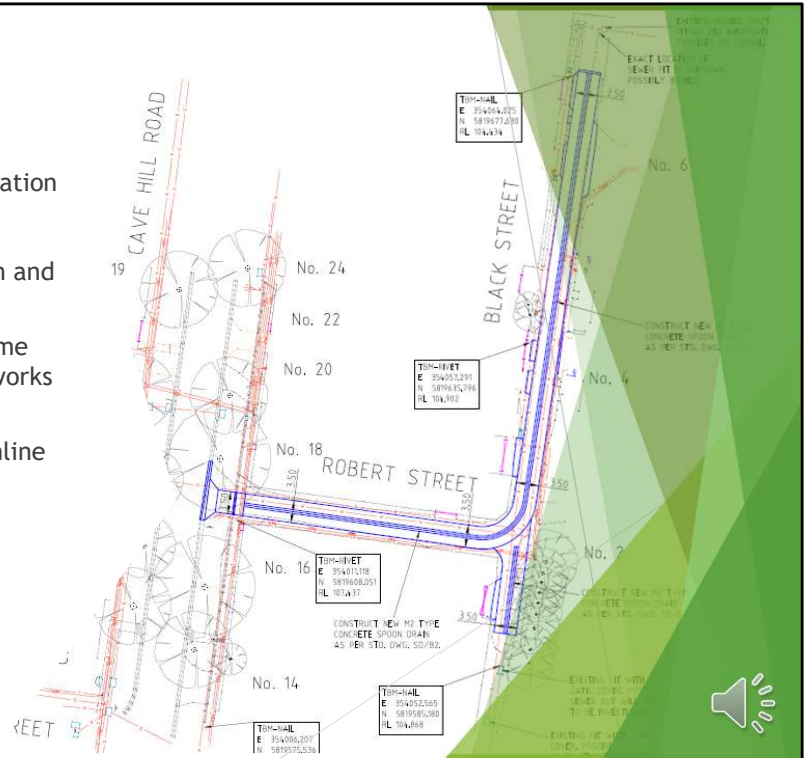
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Description of Works

- Generally following existing road formation
- 3.5m wide trafficable road width
- Centrally located concrete spoon drain and associated underground drainage.
- Driveways will be reinstated to the same standard as they existed prior to the works with use of the same surface material
- Copies of the layout plans available online



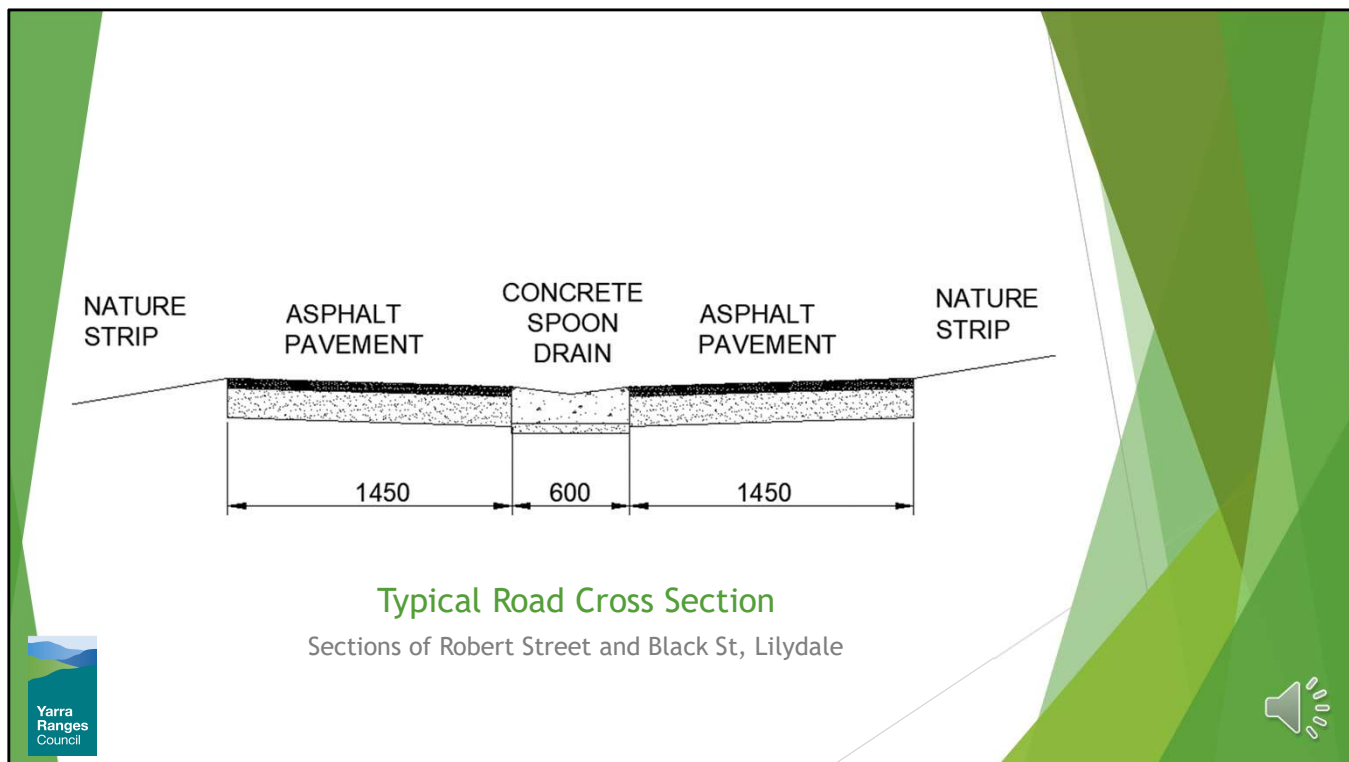
The description of works for **Robert St and Black St, Lilydale**, will be an **Urban Standard 3.5m wide asphalt road with centrally located concrete spoon drain and associated underground drainage**.

Please note: Disturbed sections of driveways will be reinstated to the same standard as they existed prior to the works with use of the same surface material. Where levels of the road have been altered, driveways will be reinstated as best as possible to avoid scraping of vehicles accessing the property.

Any improvement of driveways from the edge of the road to the adjacent property is a landowner responsibility. Should you wish to have your driveway upgraded at the time of works, the contractor may be able to do this for you at your cost. You are welcome to seek a quotation from the contractor at the time of project commencement for improvement to your driveway as a private arrangement.

Copies of the layout plans can be accessed via the project web page or a copy can be mailed to landowners on request.

Let's now take a look at the typical road cross section proposed for **Robert St and Black St**



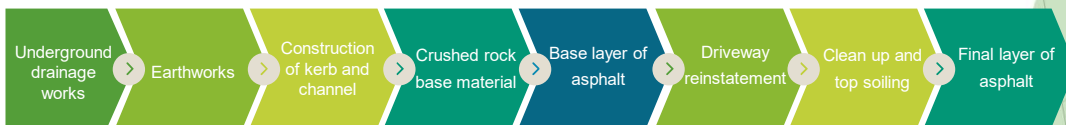
Here is a picture **Robert Street and Black Street's** cross sections with asphalt pavement and a centrally located concrete spoon drain.

From the picture you can see the trafficable road width of 3.5 metres.

The road will be shaped at approximately a 3% grade to direct stormwater towards the concrete spoon drain and into grated pits which will connect to the existing underground drainage in Black Street.

What to expect during Construction

- ▶ Access during construction times, road closed to through traffic
- ▶ Work times between 7:30am to 4:30pm, Mon to Fri (can vary)
- ▶ Weekly waste collection services will be arranged earlier (around 6am)
- ▶ Contractor to notify residents of impacts to property access and delays
- ▶ Council will be undertaking almost daily inspections
- ▶ Order of works:



So here's a little about what to expect during construction.

The works will be major construction works so there will be disruptions.

The **Road** will be closed to traffic for parts of the work but pedestrian access will still be available.

Work times are generally between 7:30am to 4:30pm (however, this can vary). Waste collection services will continue with bin pick up altered to an earlier pick up time, around 6am – so make sure to pop your bins out the night before.

There may be vehicle access restrictions to properties for some of the works, particularly Drainage, Concrete and Asphalt works.

The Contractor will notify you of any impacts to your property access and will be available to discuss how these impacts might affect you.

A Council supervisor will be undertaking inspections of the works almost daily. For safety keep clear of construction areas and drive slowly through the works area obeying the contractors instructions

Construction activities generally occur in the following order:

- Underground drainage works
- Earthworks to define the road formation
- Construction of concrete spoon drain. Please note, at this time you will not have vehicular access to your property whilst the concrete cures. This takes approximately 5 days. Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access will be maintained throughout the works.
- Crushed rock base material for the road pavement

- Base layer asphalt of the road
- Driveway reinstatement
- Clean up and top soiling of disturbed areas. Please avoid driving and parking on these areas once topsoil is laid.
- The final layer of asphalt will be laid 12 months after the completion of the project to allow any pavement defects that may occur to be identified and repaired.

And of course, we thank you for your understanding and patience.

Landowner Consultation

We are available to discuss any enquiries you have regarding the design plans, special charge scheme process or the project in general.



1300 368 333 - Council's Contact Center. Ask for 'Roads for the Community'



mail@yarraranges.vic.gov.au



View plans on Yarra Ranges website:

shaping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/BlackStreetandRobertStreet



Finally, If you have any queries regarding the Special Charge Scheme process, the layout plans or the project in general, Council officers will be available to discuss your enquiry online, over the phone or in person (subject to COVID-19 restrictions of course). Please get in touch with us to arrange a time to catch up and discuss your enquiries.

To download the layout plans or to find out more information on this project, go to Council's 'Shaping Yarra Ranges' website. Alternatively, hard copies of the plans are available on request.

This concludes the presentation. On behalf of the team, thank you for your attendance and interest in the project.