

Manilla Road (Peel Street) upgrade

Tribe to Jewry streets

The NSW Government is providing \$3.5 million to fund the next stage of the Manilla Road upgrade between Tribe and Jewry streets, North Tamworth. This stage of the work will involve building a new roundabout at the Marius Street intersection.



The Marius Street intersection on Manilla Road

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Next stage

Tamworth Regional Council will again build the upgrade on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services. Work will start on **Monday 8 January** and will include:

- building a new roundabout at the Marius Street intersection
- building a new road shoulder on the northbound side of Manilla Road between Marius and Jewry streets, including new kerb and gutter and building a new access to Jack Woolaston Oval.

The work is expected to take about seven months to complete, weather permitting.

Marius Street intersection closure

To allow for the roundabout to be built safely and efficiently, significant changes to traffic conditions will be implemented in January and will be in place for the duration of the work.

Manilla Road between Tribe and Jewry streets is one of the busiest roads in Tamworth, with more than 14,000 vehicles using it every day. For this reason we considered a number of options, with the aim of minimising the impact on traffic and nearby residents and businesses.

We have been discussing the project for some time with business owners and groups which operate community facilities in Marius Street to find ways to reduce the impacts.

The most significant of the traffic changes will involve closing access in and out of Marius Street from Manilla Road.

We understand closing the intersection will have an impact on residents and businesses in Marius Street and we thank you in advance for your patience. This option is not only safer for motorists and workers, but will allow us to build the roundabout faster. It will also remove the need to close Manilla Road completely during construction.

In addition to closing the intersection, traffic on Manilla Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction and the speed limit will be reduced to 40km/h. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses. Electronic message signs will be installed well in advance of closing the Marius Street intersection, including details about the changed access for Northgate Shopping Centre. Motorists travelling towards Tamworth on Manilla Road should use Tribe and Piper streets to access the shopping centre, while those travelling towards Manilla should use Jewry and Marius streets.

Project benefits

The key benefits of the work include:

- improved safety
- improved traffic efficiency
- more reliable travel times
- improved traffic capacity
- improved pedestrian access
- reduced traffic congestion with new turning lanes

Community information session

Staff from the project will be available to answer your questions about the Marius Street intersection traffic changes.

When: Thursday 30 November 2017
from 2pm to 6pm

Friday 1 December 2017
from 9am to 12pm

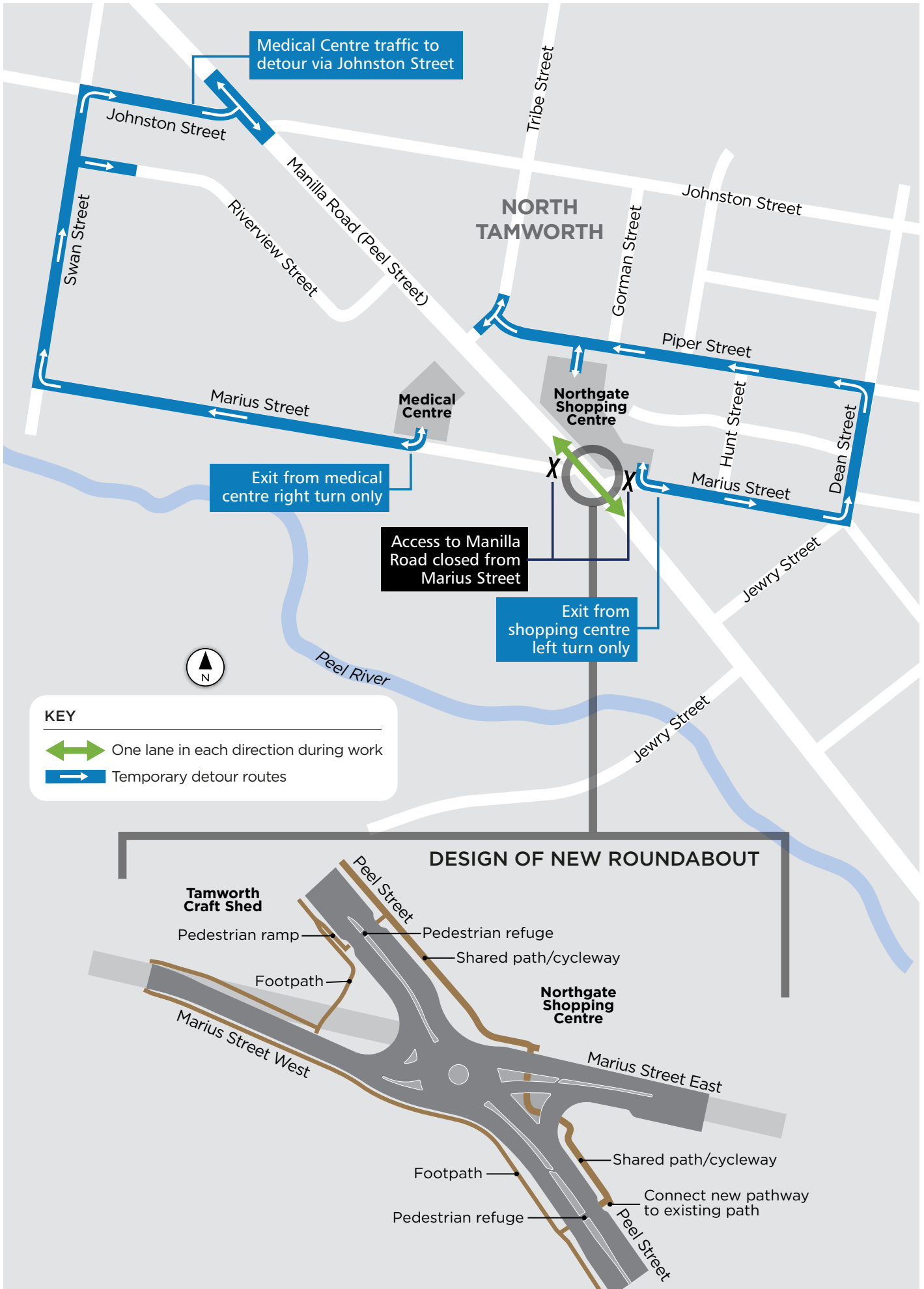
Where: Tamworth Shopping Centre,
1 Piper Street

Please note there will be no formal presentations given, so community members can visit at any time during the session.



Final seal going on for the first stage of the Manilla Road upgrade

Map indicating detours during roundabout construction



Stage 1

Stage one of the Manilla Road upgrade between Tribe and Jewry streets was completed in March. This \$2.5 million project involved:

- duplicating the southbound lane on Manilla Road between Tribe and Jewry streets
- building a left-turn slip on Tribe Street for traffic entering Manilla Road
- extending the right turn lane from Manilla Road onto Tribe Street.



Tribe Street intersection where we extended the right turning lane into Tribe Street, built a new slip lane onto Manilla Road from Tribe Street and resurfaced Manilla Road.

Jewry Street intersection

The 2017-18 State Budget included \$150,000 to develop plans to upgrade the Jewry Street intersection on Manilla Road. Planning is progressing for this project, including surveying, traffic modelling and other investigations.



Planning is underway to upgrade the Jewry Street intersection on Manilla Road (Peel Street)

For more information

For more information about the upgrade program please contact the project team by:

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