

\$3 Million UPGRADE

Wednesday 16 August 2017 will see the commencement of the Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve Centre Road upgrade.

This upgrade, in line with the Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve Board's Master Plan consists of sealing and installing drainage measures on the Centre Road that runs along the pipeline within the Recreation Reserve.

The Centre Road upgrade is to improve access to all areas of the Reserve and to enable Power and Water to have suitable access to the above ground pipeline and the underground pipeline that is currently under the existing road.

User groups and community members will still have full use of all areas within the Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve.

Timeframes

Preliminary works will commence on Wednesday 16 August.

It is anticipated that the Centre Road upgrade will take approximately 16 weeks to complete.

Please ensure you follow all safety and directional signage that will be in place.

We understand that this road closure will be an inconvenience but we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

EXTENT OF THE ROAD WORKS IN RED.



Detours

Access to all areas may require temporary changes and detours to allow the road to be fully closed for works.

The map here shows the temporary route changes and suggested path especially for larger vehicles (horse trucks and floats).

To ensure a smooth flow of traffic in the equestrian area, there will be an 'entry only' gate on the right hand side fence before the sheds located at the current entrance and an 'exit only' gate at the end of the driveway between the indoor arena and the polocrosse field onto the main Freds Pass entrance.



Tree Removal

The upgrade to the Centre Road will also involve the realignment of the road by about 2 metres away from the above ground pipeline as there is an additional pipeline underground that cannot be sealed over.

The realignment will also ensure that Power and Water have full access to both pipelines into the future without the disruption of road users if maintenance on these pipelines is required.

Moving the road will require some tree removal to allow for adequate roadside margins and drainage.

The tree removal will be overseen by a qualified arborist to ensure a minimum number of trees are removed and the remaining trees are not compromised.

Most of the trees being removed are the secondary row of smaller trees along the Centre Road, but with advice from the arborist during the construction works, some of the larger Mahogany trees may need removing as their root system will be compromised which will increase a risk of these trees not being strong enough to withstand the Territory conditions.

The Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve and Litchfield Council will work together to develop a tree replacement program to maintain the amenity of the area.

Other Upgrades

The **toilet block at the Freds Pass Rural Markets** site is almost complete. Council is preparing for an official opening of the new ablutions.

Electrical upgrades are currently being conducted with works expected to be finalised by mid-September.

The **water bores** have recently been serviced and assessed which has allowed a greater capacity to irrigate. There are currently designs being developed for irrigating all fields on the Reserve in the most effective and efficient way.

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