

Media Release

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MAJOR UPGRADES ENSURING SAFER ACCESS TO BALLARAT CBD

The Andrews Labor Government has made travelling in Ballarat CBD safer for residents and visitors following the completion of major upgrades at one of the city's busiest intersections.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said new traffic signals and a new crossing point has now been installed at the intersection of Sturt and Drummond Streets.

The new pedestrian crossing and traffic signals will connect the shared user path and allow people to cross the centre median safely, improving walking and cycling access.

The extensive works included boring, excavation and installation of cabling, new signals, new kerbs, crossings and LED lanterns, line marking and road resurfacing.

Existing traffic signals have now been upgraded to LED to improve efficiency.

The intersection of Sturt and Drummond Street is one of Ballarat's busiest, with these works creating a consistent shared path along Sturt Street for pedestrians and cyclists.

Traffic management was in place throughout the works, maintaining access in all directions for emergency services as well as access to local businesses.

The works are funded under the Labor Government's \$9.3 million *Ballarat Safer Cycling Connections* program, which is improving safety and accessibility around the city for cyclists and pedestrians. Part of these funds were allocated to six intersection upgrades in Sturt Street, which are now complete.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"New signals, kerbs and crossings are improving access and enhancing safety at the Sturt and Drummond Street intersection – one of Ballarat's busiest and most popular."

"We have created a continuous link for cyclists and pedestrians to access Ballarat's CBD via the Sturt Street shared user path, making it easier for all to get around."

Quotes attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"These important upgrades will improve access to the Ballarat CBD, making it safer and easier to get around."

"These upgrades will ensure convenience and accessibility in Ballarat's CBD well into the future, particularly as our population continues to grow."