

H2238 Avenue of Honour, Bacchus Marsh

Permit exemption P33425

What has happened?

Heritage Victoria has issued a permit exemption for minor road works at the south-east corner of the intersection of Bacchus Marsh Road and Woolpack Road. The road shoulder in this area is degraded (see Figure 1) and the road repairs will ease potential root compaction of the Dutch Elm tree planted at the intersection. The tree was planted in dedication to Lieutenant Corporal W.G. Medling. The road works include rehabilitation of the road shoulder and pavement widening to protect the tree.



Figure 1: Degraded road shoulder at the intersection of Bacchus Marsh Road and Woolpack Road.

Why has a permit exemption been approved?

The works were approved through a permit exemption as it was determined they would not cause harm to the cultural heritage significance of the Avenue of Honour, and would protect the tree.

Where are the roadworks?

The approved roadworks are shown in Figure 2 below, and include:

- New line marking to direct traffic away from the tree
- Removal of areas of broken asphalt at the intersection, removal of subsurface blue metal and crushed rock
- Replacement with layers of compacted crushed rock and asphalt
- Road shoulder to be re-levelled and repaired.

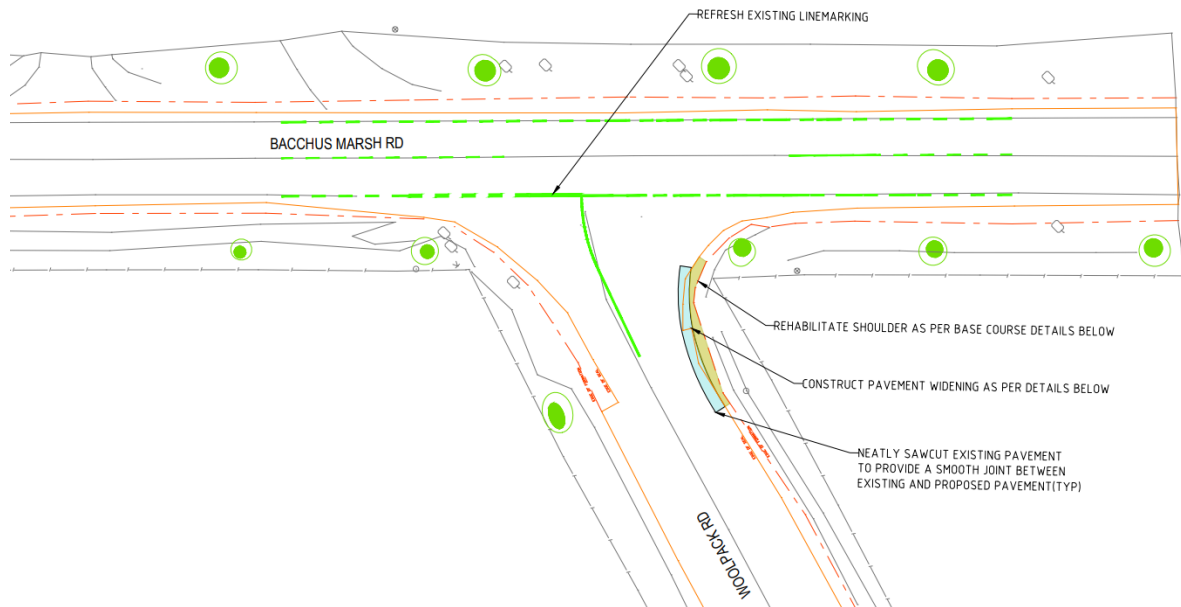


Figure 2: Approved works.

Has this approved the Maddingley Brown Coal proposal to use the Avenue of Honour for spoil from the Westgate Tunnel site?

No. This is a separate process under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

On 5 May 2020, the Minister for Planning was requested to facilitate the approvals process for the Maddingley Brown Coal site through an amendment to the Moorabool Planning Scheme. On 20 May 2020, the Minister for Planning sought the comments of the Moorabool Shire Council on the proposed amendment process and the form and content of the amendment.