



The Place To Be

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Lights Switched On

New traffic lights worth \$473,000 have been installed at the intersection of Ballarat-Burrumbeet Road (Sturt Street) and Ripon Street, to improve safety and traffic flow Ballarat West MP Karen Overington announced today.

“The Brumby Government is taking action to improve Victoria’s road network and this upgrade will provide important safety benefits for our local community,” Ms Overington said.

“New traffic lights are specifically designed to assist with traffic management through this busy intersection.

“Sturt Street is a very busy road particularly at peak traffic times,” Karen Overington said.

“The most recent crash data shows there have been 21 crashes at this intersection over a five-year period making it one of the worst intersections within Ballarat.”

“There is a history of cross traffic crashes at this intersection, where people travelling along Ripon Street have failed to give way to traffic on Sturt St. As a result traffic signals were proposed to address this road safety issue.”

Geoff Howard, Member for the adjoining Ballarat East electorate said the traffic lights would help reduce the number and severity of casualty crashes occurring at this intersection.

“These new traffic lights are funded under the State Government’s Safer Roads Infrastructure Program as a priority treatment to address crashes.”

Lance Midgley, VicRoads Regional Director – Western Region, thanked road users for their cooperation during the traffic lights’ construction period.

“I remind motorists to be aware of the newly introduced changes to the intersection and continue to adhere to speed limits,” Mr Midgley said.

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