



King Island Council

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ESSENTIAL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Last week King Island Council commenced work to improve road safety at the junction of South Road and Old Grassy Road in Nugara. Regular users of this intersection have long complained about poor visibility, narrow sections of road and confusion over the right of way.

King Island Council's Deputy Director of Infrastructure and Services reported that the current works would go a long way to remedying these problems. "We will straighten this section of South Road, and move the junction a small distance to improve visibility and clarify which is the major road". Reports suggest that some road users have been ignoring the Give Way sign and continuing from Old Grassy Road without stopping. "The new road layout will make the road priorities clearer and will improve road safety for everyone". The work is expected to take several weeks, "The hardest part of realigning the road includes extending a culvert to over nine meters in length after which the remainder of the work should be relatively straight forward", he added.

King Island Council and Tasmania Police would like to remind road users to observe the warning signs and take care when approaching and passing all road works. Heavy machinery is frequently in use and Council workers deserve protection while at work. King Island Mayor Duncan McFie says Council is committed to improving safety on King Island's roads, "Our road crews are working hard to improve the road safety for all our community. They need to be able to concentrate on their job and not worry about speeding drivers", he said.

For further information about these improvements please contact King Island Council at kicouncil@kingisland.tas.gov.au or 6462 9000.

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