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MT. OMMANEY INTERCHANGE

The Centenary Project embracing as it does the six residential suburbs of Jindalee, Mt. Ommaney, Jamboree Heights, Riverhills, Westlake and Middle Park, and the industrial suburb of Sumner, was planned as a total concept, one major feature of which was the safety and privacy of the area brought about by the fact that through traffic completely by-passes all suburbs.

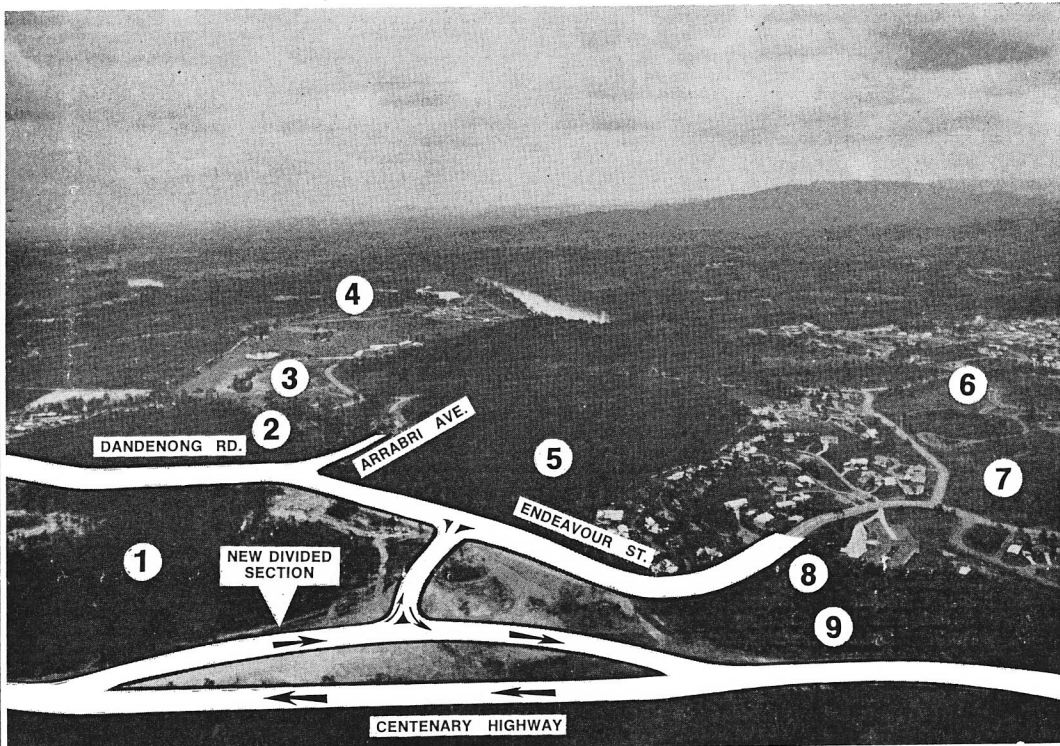
The Centenary Highway, built by Hooker Centenary Pty. Limited on the eastern boundary of the Project, is now a main traffic artery between Brisbane and Ipswich carrying some 16,000 vehicles daily.

When Hooker Centenary entered into a development agreement with the Brisbane City Council three access points only were permitted as it was envisaged that this road would ultimately become at least a four lane high speed freeway. The first two access points to be developed were at Jindalee on the northern extremity of the development and at Sumners Road, Jamboree Heights, at the southern extremity.

Now the central and major interchange is about to be opened to the public.

This interchange is being built in two stages, the first being an intersection with traffic using deceleration lanes and a roundabout similar to that in use on Moggill Road near Indooroopilly Shoppingtown. The second stage which will not be completed for several years, will be to develop the road pattern into a fully grade separated interchange. To achieve this the highway itself will be raised approximately 8 feet and traffic ramps will be built on now vacant land to the east of the highway. The under-pass thus created will also be linked directly by bus routes to Oxley and Darra thus opening the area to a major traffic flow as envisaged in the Wilbur Smith Traffic Report commissioned some years ago by the State Government.

In the accompanying pic-



Composite picture above shows the main elements of the roadways in the new Mt. Ommaney interchange for access to the group of suburbs off the Centenary Highway.

LOCATION LEGEND: 1. Regional shopping site; 2. General hospital site; 3. McLeod Country Golf Club; 4. Westlake; 5. Mt. Ommaney; 6. Jindalee; 7. Catholic Church and school site; 8. Jindalee Nursingtown; 9. State Primary School site.

ture the traffic intersection is shown under construction. It will be open for traffic early in May. In the left foreground is a 52 acre site which will eventually be a Regional Shopping Centre. Beyond this in the middle distance is a General Hospital site acquired a little time ago by the South Brisbane Hospitals Commission. The Hospital when developed will have frontage to the McLeod Country Golf Club which extends in this picture almost to the Two Mile Reach of the Brisbane River. This picturesque site is being developed as the suburb of Westlake, its central feature being the 22 acre fresh water lake visible.

Immediately in the centre of the picture is the rapidly developing suburb of Mt. Ommaney which will consist entirely of private courts. To the right is the now almost fully developed suburb of Jindalee.

CENTENARY BRIDGE

Alderman Ray Lynch, Chairman of the Works Committee with the Brisbane City Council, advises that a large steel girder has been obtained and modified so that it can be erected on the deck of the Centenary Bridge to strengthen the damaged section.

Preparatory works have been done on the deck, including placing concrete pedestals on which the girder will be mounted, and the boring of holes through which steel rods will be passed to tie the steel girder to the deck.

Special equipment ordered from interstate has not arrived, but the girder should be installed early in May. The bridge was closed for 48 hours during the last weekend in April and any further closure will be advertised during the preceding week. Minor re-

pairs were made to the damaged bridge girder while the bridge was closed.

Until the bridge is strengthened by the steel girder, all motorists are asked to co-operate by observing the weight limit (10 tons) and the speed limit (15 mph) at present in force on the bridge.

Permanent repair work is expected to commence shortly after installation of the temporary steel girder, and will take several months to complete.

BUS SERVICES

The temporary closure of one lane of the Centenary Bridge together with the ever increasing traffic congestion between the residential suburbs of Brisbane and the City has served to emphasise the desirability of implementing the Wilbur Smith Traffic Plan which envisaged fast feeder bus services, operating to suburban railway stations such as Oxley and Darra where commuters travelling on combined bus/rail tickets would use a carefully co-ordinated service to reach their destinations more quickly, despite the short hiatus period when changing from one form of transportation to the other.

Combined tickets purchased at weekly rates would help to offset any additional basic charges whilst the time saved each day would also be an important set off.

Hooker Centenary during this year will seek the introduction of co-ordinated services in off peak periods in order to test public reaction before any move towards an eventual major switch over. It is realised that this could not occur for

some years during peak periods, as Brisbane suburban rail services are already taxed to capacity. However as the anticipated change over to electrification occurs, more rolling stock must inevitably be introduced to provide a greater frequency of trains.

The operation envisaged is a transformation which is already occurring in many cities where the inner city congestion through use of motor vehicles has become intolerable.