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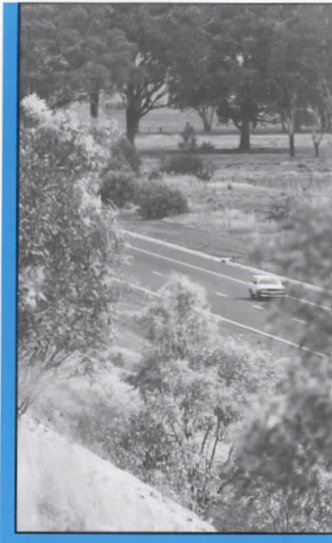
The bypass will be in a cutting at the foot of Balmattum Hill and combined with sound mounds through to Seven Creeks and opposite the Woolshed will reduce noise levels for nearby residents.

Elsewhere, the highway is well away from the town and runs close to existing well-treed road reservations to blend unobtrusively with the environment.

The route of the bypass preserves as many stands of trees as possible, as well as the other features of Euroa, skirting the golf course and the "Rockies" at the eastern end of Seven Creeks Park.

Visitors will be able to reach the Balmattum Hill Reserve under the twin bridges which will carry the highway over the Euroa-Strathbogie Road, and then by a

The Environment



VIC ROADS plants indigenous trees and shrubs in roadside reserves wherever possible

track into the Reserve from the Eastern Interchange.

Extensive landscaping and the planting of indigenous trees and shrubs will control slope and creek erosion and reduce the visual impact of the highway.

There will be a new road to the Seven Creeks Run tourist attractions and commercial facilities of Euroa. Provision has been made for a future service centre near the cemetery with access from the Eastern Interchange.

Signing well in advance of both interchanges will indicate the tourist attractions and commercial facilities of Euroa.

Highway travellers will have good views of the Seven Creeks Run and the town, particularly along Seven Creeks Park.



Further information

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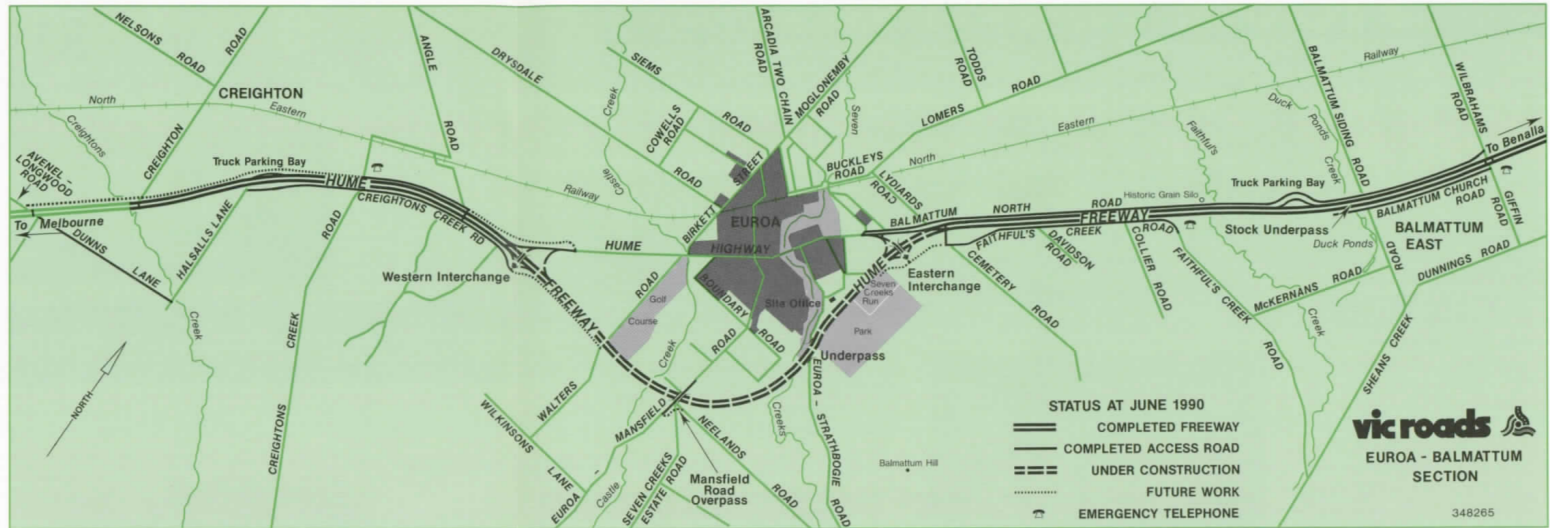


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VICROADS is progressively upgrading the Hume Highway between Melbourne and the State border to four lane dual carriageway standard.

This work forms part of the development of the National Highway between Melbourne and Sydney. By mid 1990 259 km of the 294 km route from Melbourne to the Victoria-New South Wales border will have been constructed as dual carriageway.

The 21 km Euroa Project involves duplication of the existing highway approaches either side of the town to provide a four lane divided roadway linking with the new bypass route under construction south-east of Euroa.

Duplication of the southern approach to Euroa was completed in December 1988. The northern approach is scheduled for completion in mid 1990. The overall project is expected to be completed in mid 1992.

The Euroa project is expected to cost \$58 million in 1990 prices and subject to the availability of funds will be fully opened to traffic in 1992. It is being constructed in 3 stages:

- * Creightons Creek-Western Interchange - this 5.5 km section follows the existing highway from Creightons Road to the Western Interchange, 3.5 km from the town centre;
- * Euroa Bypass - this 8 km section will follow a new route south-east of the town, between the Western Interchange and Cemetery Lane;
- * Cemetery Lane-Wilbrahams Road (also known as Balmattum Boundary Road) - this 8 km section will follow the existing highway.



Euroa Bypass

This section will consist of a new dual carriageway to be constructed south-east of Euroa along the southern boundary of the golf course.

From there the route will pass over the Euroa-Mansfield Road near the Neelands Road intersection, then extend below the site of the original water storage tank on Balmattum Hill and west of the "Woolshed" on the Seven Creeks Run, to rejoin the existing highway near the cemetery.

Two full-diamond interchanges will provide access to Euroa. The Western Interchange being built on the bend north of "Flat Rock Hill" will give access to the existing highway through the town and to a new frontage road on the Melbourne-bound side between Walters Road and the interchange. The Eastern Interchange being built adjacent to the Euroa side of the cemetery will provide access to the existing highway and the "Woolshed".

Several bridges will be constructed on the bypass:

- * one overpass at each interchange;
- * an overpass to carry the Euroa-Mansfield Road over the freeway;
- * twin bridges over Castle Creek and Seven Creeks;
- * twin overpasses to carry the freeway over the Euroa-Strathbogrie Road.

Estimated cost	\$34 million
Start of work	mid 1988
Completion expected	mid 1992

Cemetery Lane - Wilbrahams Road

Wodonga-bound traffic will travel on a new carriageway built west of the present highway and the existing carriageway will cater for Melbourne-bound traffic.

At Duck Ponds Creek, the sharp curve on the present highway has been realigned to provide a better alignment. The newly duplicated section will then link with the existing divided highway north of Wilbrahams Road.

A frontage road along the Wodonga-bound carriageway connects all the side roads to be cut off between Saxon Street and Wilbrahams Road. On the Melbourne-bound side a frontage road will link Giffen Road to Sheans Creek Road and through to the Balmattum Recreation Reserve. Faithfuls Creek Road has been extended to Cemetery Road. This road will be later extended to the Eastern Interchange and Seven Creeks Road. There will then be no direct access to the duplicated highway between the Eastern Interchange and Wilbrahams Road.

Bridges will be built over Faithfuls Creek and the "Duck Ponds". Provision has been made for rest area facilities at Balmattum but the extent of development will depend on the possible development of a Service Centre in Euroa.

Estimated cost	\$18 million
Start of work	early 1987
Completion expected	mid 1990

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EUROA - BALMATTUM SECTION

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