



Image: Example of a wombat crossing in NSW

FACT SHEET

Mary Street, Cygnet wombat crossing

What is a wombat crossing?

A wombat crossing is the name given to a pedestrian (zebra) crossing that is placed on a flat top road hump.

What are the safety benefits of a wombat crossing?

- It gives priority to pedestrians crossing the road
- The raised safety platform reduces vehicle travel speed like a speed hump
- The combination of line marking, signage, and raised platform provides drivers better visibility of the pedestrian crossing
- The raised platform allows pedestrians to cross at the same level as the footpath without kerb ramps, reducing trip hazards and making it easier for people with reduced mobility and children to navigate

Why does Mary Street need a wombat crossing?

Pedestrian safety has been an ongoing community concern within the Mary Street shopping precinct.

In conjunction with the recent speed reduction (from 50km/h to 40km/h), the Department of State Growth (DSG), as the responsible authority for Mary Street, approved a wombat crossing to be installed.

Wombat crossing are commonly used in high activity areas like schools, shopping and transport precincts as they provide significant safety benefits and are superior to traditional non-raised crossings.

How will it impact parking?

While Council worked to minimise parking loss in the design, 3 on-street parking spaces will need to be permanently removed to provide safe sight distance to oncoming vehicles.

There will also be a loss of parking in the work zone during construction.