



# STEP UP IN STYLE AS NEW BRIDGE GETS A FRESH LOOK

**Nigel Gladstone**

THE \$7 million Hornsby footbridge moved one step closer to being finished as its 56 tonne, 30m central span was added over the weekend.

The new bridge will extend into Hornsby Mall and be twice as wide (4.5m) and taller, with a traffic clearance of 5.5m.

The project is being jointly funded by Hornsby Council (\$2 million) and the NSW Government (\$5 million).

Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean said the community had wanted an upgraded footbridge for a long time. "The new bridge will vastly improve transport access and also improve the amenity of our area," Mr Kean said. "This is an

example of what can happen when state and local government work together."

Hornsby Mayor Steve Russell said that he was delighted with progress.

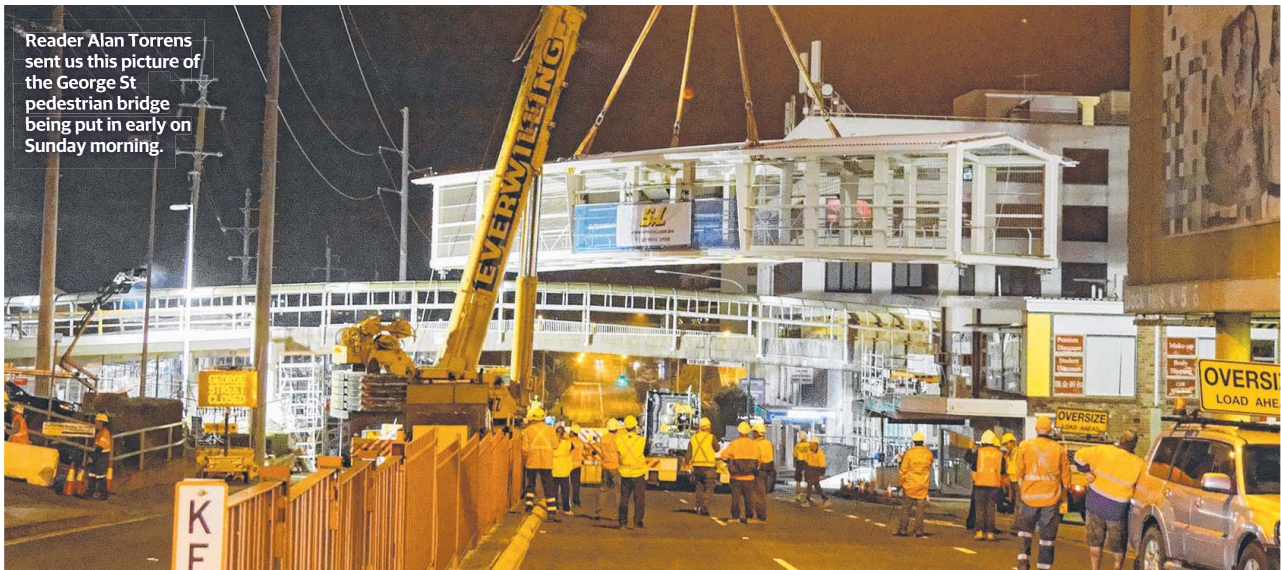
"It is great to see it taking place, it's a great project," he said. "This is not just about access to Hornsby station, this bridge is instrumental in linking the two halves of

Hornsby together and creating a single community," Cr Russell said.

"Around 15,000 people use the bridge each day and they are all looking forward to this essential infrastructure upgrade."

The project also includes improvements to the Florence Street Mall.

The old footbridge will demolished later this year.



Reader Alan Torrens sent us this picture of the George St pedestrian bridge being put in early on Sunday morning.