

Gerringong upgrade

Princes Highway

Construction update (March 2014)



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Contractor: Fulton Hogan

Form of contract: Design and construct

Workers on site: Around 300 including Roads and Maritime Services, Fulton Hogan and subcontractors

Large plant on site: Around 70 including cranes, rock crushers, excavators and trucks

Start of construction date: July 2012

Expected completion date: Mid 2015 (weather permitting)

Project value and funding: \$329 million NSW State Government funding

Community

- We actively involve the community and have a regular stall at the Gerringong Village Markets for the community to visit.

Environment

- We promote proactive environmental management and have landscaped around 400,000 square metres of ground helping mitigate dust and erosion.

Safety

- Safety is our number one priority. We have worked around 600,000 hours over 15 months and had no serious injuries.

Wet weather and its impacts affected construction on 25 days in the past three months. 

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading the Princes Highway between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road. The upgrade will provide 7.5 kilometres of upgraded highway and include two new interchanges with access to Gerringong and Gerroa. This work is funded by the NSW Government.

Fern Street railway overbridge

A key feature of the project is an overbridge replacing the railway level crossing at Fern Street, Gerringong. This will provide safe and efficient access into Gerringong.

The Fern Street railway overbridge is a 7-span concrete box girder bridge. The bridge is being pushed across the railway line using a specialised

technique known as incremental launching. We have launched six segments and it is expected the last launch will be mid-2014, weather permitting.

This construction method was chosen to reduce the impacts on the local community, traffic and the railway as the bridge is being built in a narrow corridor between the existing highway and railway line.



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What has happened to date?

- Six large precast concrete girders have been installed on the Rose Valley Road overbridge and 12 on the Belinda Street interchange. Each weighs up to 100 tonnes and is 36 metres in length.
- The access road for Sims Road and Alne Bank Lane was opened to traffic.
- Traffic changes including a protected right turn bay at the intersection of the Princes Highway and Willowvale Road.
- Rock material excavated from the project is being crushed onsite. This material is being reused to construct the new highway. The reuse of rock material provides environmental benefits including reducing truck movements by around 16,000 one way trips.
- Five of 28 bridge structures are under construction. Nine have been completed.
- Excess material being used to compress soft ground along Omega Flat is being progressively removed.

In the next three months

- Highway traffic will be moved onto a temporary alignment between Willowvale Road and north of Sims Road.
- Six more segments of Fern Street railway overbridge will be launched.
- Increased construction activities and staged traffic changes in Belinda Street.
- Progressing construction plans for Union Creek bridge and the Gerringong railway station car park.
- Minor traffic changes at Mount Pleasant, Rose Valley Road and south of Gerringong curves.
- Constructing the Omega Lane, Rose Valley Road and Sims Road access roads.

Traffic arrangements

A 60 km/h reduced speed limit will be in place between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road for the safety of motorists and workers.

Changes to traffic conditions including temporary lane closures and reduced speed limits may be required around specific work areas.

When possible, where work is not being done on site, the speed limit will increase to 80 km/h to assist traffic flow. This will include ANZAC Day and Easter holidays.

For the safety of motorists, pedestrians and workers, please observe all project signage and traffic control directions.

Visit Live Traffic NSW (www.livetraffic.com) for more information.



Rose Valley Road interchange



Belinda Street interchange

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Community display centre: Access via Willowvale Road, Gerringong. Open Monday to Friday 9am–5pm

Project office: Shop 3/113 Queen Street, Berry
Open Friday 10am - 5pm

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131 Fern Street, Gerringong