



An artists impression of the new Sportsmans Creek bridge

# Sportsmans Creek new bridge project

December 2015

The NSW Government is funding the Sportsmans Creek new bridge project in Lawrence as part of the Bridges for the Bush initiative. Roads and Maritime is delivering this project, which involves building a new bridge that connects Grafton-Lawrence Road with Grafton Street, replacing the existing bridge. This update outlines progress being made on the project.

**Last month tenders were invited for the new bridge. Building work is planned to start in the first half of 2016. Detailed design for the new bridge has now been finalised and is displayed in this update.**

## Background

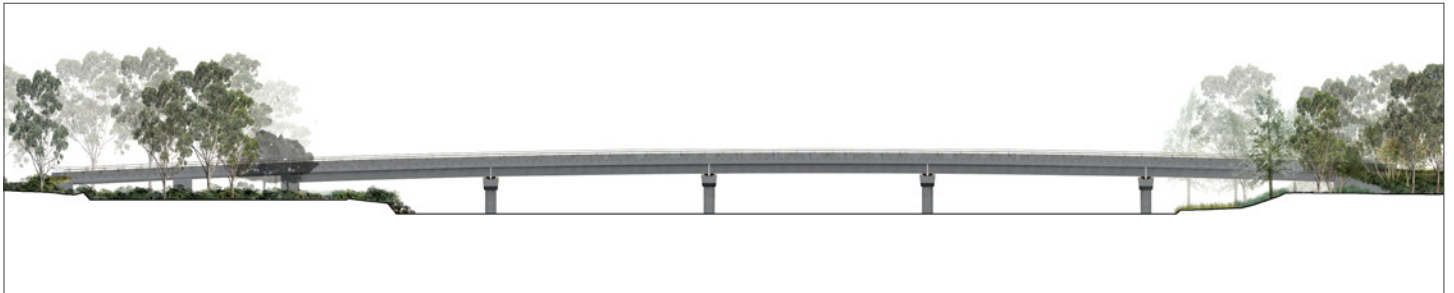
Following the display of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) in March 2015, detailed design and investigation has been carried. The final design includes minor refinements to the preferred option including lengthening the bridge by 30 metres to address the ground conditions and landscaping on the approaches to the new bridge.

The project includes:

- A seven span concrete bridge structure 175 metres in length with a navigational clearance of 4.7 metres
- A pedestrian path with a safety barrier to separate pedestrians from traffic on the bridge
- A new road connecting Grafton Street with the new bridge
- Landscaping along Grafton Street and Grafton-Lawrence Road and
- New street lighting along Grafton Street.



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An elevation of the new Sportsmans Creek bridge

## Tender process

Tenders have been invited from contractors to build the new bridge. Tenders close on Wednesday 16 December at 2.30pm. Businesses are encouraged to find out more by visiting <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/>

## Project benefits

The new bridge will provide substantial benefits to the wider community and regional economy by improving:

- Traffic efficiency for vehicles through Lawrence and heavy vehicles servicing the sugarcane and other industries into the future
- Pedestrian access over the bridge
- Access for residences on Bridge Street

- Availability of open space in Flo Clark Park and Sportsmans Park
- Costs associated with maintaining the existing bridge.

## Changes to river use

The waterway will remain open to river users during the building of the new bridge however temporary restrictions will be in place. There may be some temporary closures of the waterway required when the concrete girders are lifted into place which form part of the bridge.






## Boat ramp closure

The boat ramp in Flo Park will be closed during the building of Sportsmans Creek new bridge. River users will be able to use the boat ramp located in the Lawrence Memorial Park off Bridge Street.

# The detailed design of the new Sportsmans Creek bridge



## LEGEND

-  Road upgrade
-  Embankment
-  New landscaping
-  Footpath
-  New street lighting

Road shifted east to provide safer access to Lawrence General and Liquor store

Lawrence Memorial Park

Retaining access arrangements for Grafton Street

Temporary site compound

Grafton Street

Bridge Street

Lawrence Tavern

Access to existing properties

Clarence River

New bridge with one lane in each direction

Footpath on east side of bridge

Northern approach to remain for flood protection

Weir Road

Temporary site compound

Existing bridge to be removed

Boat ramp

Existing bridge approach to be removed and reshaped to join Flo Clark Park and Sportsmans Creek Road

Flo Clark Park

Access to boat ramp

Gateway sign

To Grafton

Grafton-Lawrence Road

Ensbey Road

To Pringles Way and Casino

To Maclean

Richmond Street

Grafton Street (north)

Sportsmans Creek

## Environmental management on the river

A number of controls will be implemented to minimise the environmental impact from building the bridge. These are likely to include:

- Installation of barriers around work areas to contain and control the dispersion of silt and sediment in the river
- Installation of a floating barrier to contain any potential spills.

## Existing bridge

Roads and Maritime will continue to carry out maintenance work to the existing Sportsmans Creek Bridge. The work is necessary to ensure the existing bridge remains in service until the new bridge is built.


The existing bridge will be removed after the new bridge is open to traffic. The project team is looking at ways to recognise the history of the existing bridge following removal.


## For further information

If you have any feedback you would like to share with the project team or require information about the project, please contact the project team using the contact information below.

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