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Nowra Bridge project

BUILDING OUR FUTURE





Work on the new Nowra Bridge progressing across the Shoalhaven River

What we've been doing

Work since last year has included:

- Starting removal of the temporary rock platform in the Shoalhaven River
- Completed piled foundations for the new Nowra Bridge and Bomaderry **Creek Bridge**
- Installing the pile caps and building the bridge piers
- Building and launching the bridge deck segments, with 15 of the 19 segments now constructed
- Installing drainage, landscaping, kerb and gutter
- Placing planks and pouring the first stages of the bridge decks for Bomaderry Creek Bridge.

Upcoming work

Work over the coming months will include:

- Traffic changes on Pleasant Way, Bomaderry Creek Bridge and the Princes Highway
- Opening the new local road, Shearwater Way
- Building and launching the final bridge deck segments
- Removing the launch nose from the new bridge
- Placing asphalt and relocating traffic control signals
- Installing street lighting, signage, landscaping, kerb and gutter.



16 of 19 bridge deck segments launched over the Shoalhaven River







Upcoming traffic changes across the project

Over the next few months there will be a number of temporary traffic changes across the project to allow us to safely continue work across the project. In preparation for these traffic changes night work will be required in April and May between 7pm and 6am. There may be partial lane closures and a reduced speed of 40km/h on the Princes Highway during some of this night work. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

Opening of Shearwater Way

Shearwater Way, the new local road connecting Lyrebird Drive to the Princes Highway will open to traffic in the coming month.

The new local road will have a posted speed limit of 50 km/h with left in and left out access for southbound traffic on the Princes Highway.



Princes Highway and Shearwater Way looking north

Did you know?

Recycled glass sand was used in the asphalt mix placed on Shearwater Way.



Intersection of Pleasant Way and Princes Highway looking south

Traffic changes on Pleasant Way

Following the opening of Shearwater Way, the Pleasant Way intersection from the Princes Highway will be closed to road users until the completion of the Nowra Bridge project.

This closure is required to allow us to safely complete work in this area, including building a cul-de-sac and left turn lane into Pleasant Way.

For road users travelling southbound on the Princes Highway, access into Pleasant Way will be via Shearwater Way. Access into Pleasant Way for northbound road users, will be via Moss Street and Ferry Lane.

On completion of the project, a slip lane permitting left turn only into Pleasant Way from the Princes Highway will open to traffic.



Check out our website to view photographs and videos of the project's progress.

Traffic changes on the Princes Highway between Bolong Road and Illaroo Road

Traffic on the Princes Highway will be shifted west between Bolong Road and Illaroo Road. This temporary arrangement will be in place from late May, weather permitting.

Road users will shift west onto the newly built road pavement over the widened Bomaderry Creek Bridge to allow us to continue work on the eastern side of the Princes Highway. This allows us to construct an upgraded 2.5m shared path on the eastern side including an upgrade to the safety barrier on the bridge. Pedestrian access will be maintained via the new shared path on the western side of the Princes Highway.



Princes Highway between Bolong Road and Illaroo Road looking north

Building the new bridge



The new Nowra Bridge is being built using a specialised technique known as incremental launching. There will be 19 bridge deck segments in total for the new bridge.

The launch nose, the temporary steel structure connected to the front of the first bridge segment, will reach the northern side of the Shoalhaven River by midyear. It will then be removed from the bridge structure to allow the final bridge deck segment to be pushed into its permanent position.



Launch nose being launched onto the bridge pier



Bridge deck segments launched across the Shoalhaven River

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Keeping the community informed

Late last year and in early 2022, we visited a number of local community groups including, the Nowra Probus Club, Shoalhaven Probus Club, Bomaderry Rotary Club, Association of Independent Retirees and South Nowra Probus Club to provide an update on the progress of the project. The team love getting out in the community and will be presenting at more meetings in the coming months.



Members of the project team presenting to local community groups

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Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program

The Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program is a NSW Government initiative to provide training and employment opportunities within the construction industry. We have made significant progress on our NSW Government and project targets. These achievements to date include:

- 69% of the workforce being local
- 10% Aboriginal participation
- 5% female participation in non-traditional roles
- 15% youth employment (under 25).

Supporting community projects

The Nowra Bridge project donated sandstone rock to the Bomaderry Community Centre to help create a yarning circle where people can sit down together and share stories. Last year, the team aided volunteers from the centre to complete the build on the yarning circle.



Bomaderry Community Centre yarning circle



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