Community Update



JUNE 2015

WATERFALL WAY

The NSW Government is funding the delivery of services and infrastructure to the communities along Waterfall Way. This community update provides an update on current and upcoming activities on Waterfall Way.

Night road closures

There are two night closures planned east of Dorrigo on the mountain, between Summervilles Road to Maynards Road.

The road will be closed between **10pm and 5am** on both days:

Sunday 14 June 2015

Monday 15 June 2015

Portable message signs will be in place to alert traffic to take alternate routes.

This road closure is required to repair damaged kerbs, drainage and improve slope stability

Reducing the risk of rock falls

A number of sites have been identified for treatment to improve safety. Further sites are planned to start within the next 6 months.

Work involves vegetation removal, scaling of identified loose rocks and boulders.

The work near Maynards Plains Road will take about three weeks to finish, weather permitting.

New landslip – Gordonville cutting

Heavy rains in early May 2015 caused a landslip that closed Waterfall Way at Gordonville Cutting for two days.



The road through the Gordonville Cutting area has been included in the work to remove vegetation, scaling of loose rocks and boulders.

Pacific Highway – Nambucca Heads to Urunga

Heavy Vehicle Action Plan

As part of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway, between Nambucca Heads and Urunga, Heavy vehicle inspectors are continuing to closely monitor trucks movements on Waterfall Way. The Waterfall Way Action Plan, which has been updated, reflects on accurate truck movements. This information is available on the project website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects (search Waterfall Way).

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For information on scheduled road work, visit **www.livetraffic.com** or outside business hours call the Transport Management Centre on **132 701**

Waterfall Way interchange - traffic switch

The Pacific Highway upgrade includes improvements to the existing interchange at Waterfall Way.

To allow this work to be completed, all traffic will be moved from the existing highway onto a temporary roadway on the eastern side of the highway in early June. This minor deviation will remain in place until the new highway is fully open to traffic next year.

Current projects

Road Safety review update

Roads and Maritime Services are continuing to implement the recommendations made from the 2014 road safety review. Of the thirty-two recommendations, twenty-one have been completed. Other projects that are on track for completion include, high pedestrian activity area for Bellingen, speed zone review of the Dorrigo mountain and road reconstruction near Sweedmans Lane. These projects are detailed below:

Bellingen – High pedestrian activity area

Community consultation for the high pedestrian activity area took place in April 2015. Over 260 members of the community took part in this process.

The project has provided significant opportunities for improvements to the local amenity and pedestrian safety along the Waterfall Way through the main commercial precinct of Bellingen.

Roads and Maritime are continuing to help Bellingen Shire Council and their consultant, John Mongard Landscape Architects, to develop a draft proposal.

The community will be able to provide comment to Council on this plan during the next phase of community consultation.

Speed zone reviews

Roads and Maritime is currently reviewing the speed zones along Waterfall Way, particularly on the Dorrigo mountain. It is expected that the review will be finalised and recommendations implemented by the end of June 2015.

Sweedmans Lane road improvements

Roads and Maritime is reconstructing a section of Waterfall Way, 4km west of the Pacific Highway near Fernmount, Bellingen.

The work involves road reconstruction and widening of the road. There will also be significant road shoulder widening and improve clearance zones alongside the roadway. Culvert extensions and replacement works will also be undertaken as part of the project. The work is scheduled to be completed in July 2015, weather permitting.

Recently completed projects

Bus stop at Thora

A sealed bus pull over area at Thora is being constructed and bitumen sealed to provide a safe facility for school buses.

Gordonville Cutting, Myers Bluff

Roads and Maritime has completed work to repair slopes and install retaining walls on the Waterfall Way at Myers Bluff and Gordonville Cutting.

More work is planned in the coming financial year to repair and improve slope stability on the length of Waterfall Way.

Little North Arm Road

Work has been completed to improve the road surface at Thora, 500 metres west of Little North Arm Road. The work involved upgrading about 500m of the existing the road and improving the drainage.