

Waterfall Way safety review and program update

Waterfall Way is an important route connecting the mid north coast and Coffs Harbour district with the coastal hinterland of Bellingen, Dorrigo, Armidale, and beyond. The NSW Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime Services recently announced a review of road safety along Waterfall Way. This update contains information about the review, including a feedback form, and information about the various projects along Waterfall Way.



Safety review

On 27 February we announced a Waterfall Way road safety review after community feedback about increased truck movements along the road.

The review, in partnership with the community and other relevant stakeholders, will examine all aspects of safety on the 40 kilometre stretch of road from Dorrigo to the junction of the Pacific Highway. It will not examine bypassing the Bellingen township. The review's findings will be used to develop a strategy to improve road safety on Waterfall Way in the short to medium term.

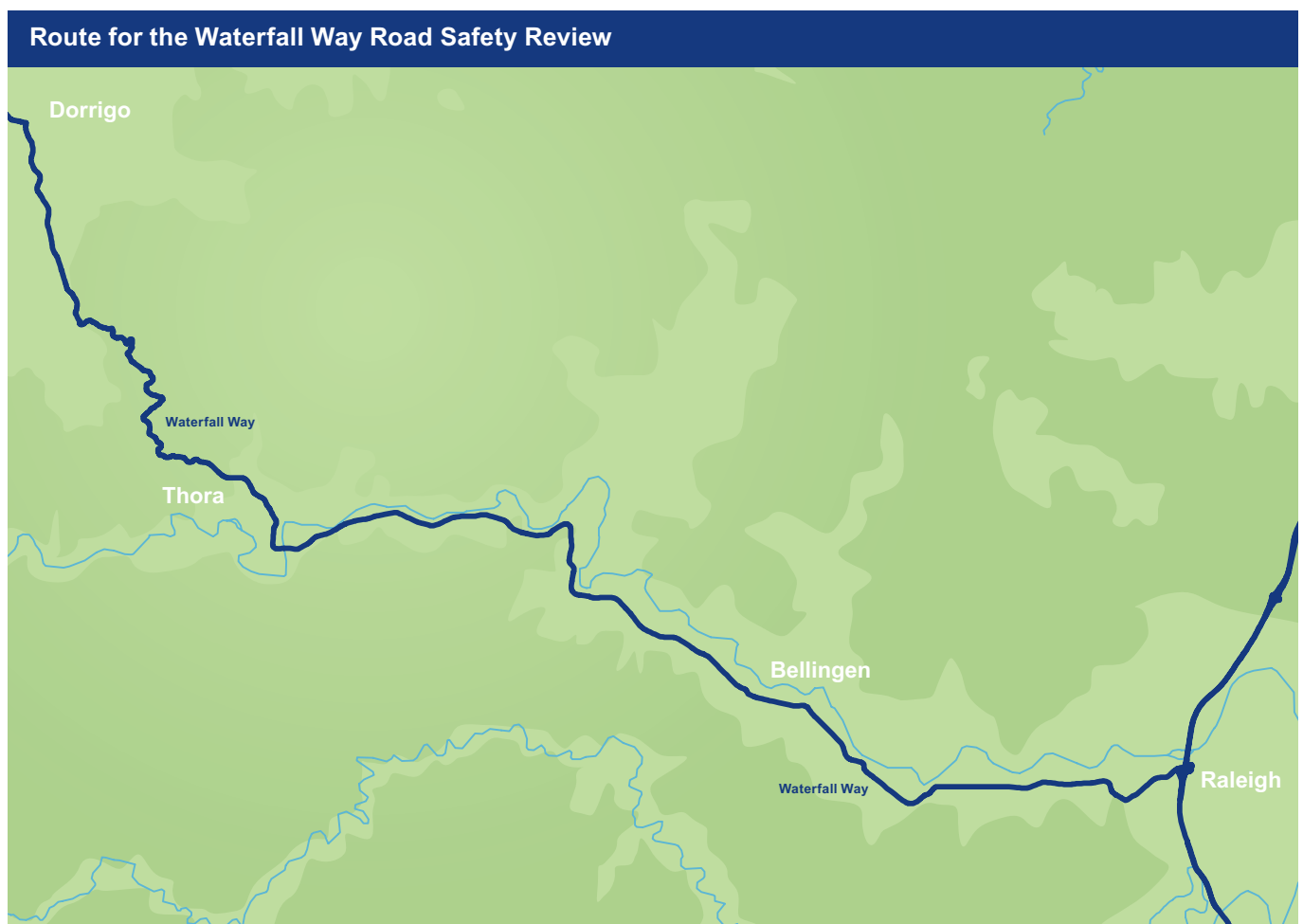
Community members are invited to contribute to the review through "drop-in" sessions, workshops, and written submissions via email or post. The drop-in sessions will be held on **Thursday 27 March 2014** from **10am–2pm** and **4pm–7pm** at the Bellingen Council administration building in Hyde Street. It will help the project team identify community concerns and issues which need examining. The drop-in sessions are informal and you are welcome to attend at any time.

A feedback form is attached to this community update for people to either bring to the drop-in sessions, or mail to the project team. The form is also available online.

The drop-in sessions will be followed by two community workshops, which will discuss issues raised by the community, provide information about crash trends, statistics and vehicle movements as well as identify sites to be inspected. The first of these workshops will be held in May, with the date to be advised.

A copy of the review team's findings and recommendations will be available on the internet.

Updates about the road safety review will be available on the internet (see the back of this update).



Project updates

Nut farm landslip repair and realignment

Two road embankments need repairing 9.2km west of Bellingen where the Bellinger River is close to Waterfall Way. Work resumed in November following design modifications and is expected to be finished by the end of August 2014, weather permitting. A retaining wall has been built and work to reinforce the river bank with large rock is proceeding.

A single lane detour is in place to enable the work. Roads and Maritime appreciates the cooperation of all road users during this period. The completed work will ensure future flood events from the Bellinger River will not cause further damage and ensure the safety of road users at this location on Waterfall Way.

Newell Falls slip repair

Work to repair damage caused by a slip that occurred behind the Rotary Park rest area in 2011 is expected to begin mid year. Designs have been finalised for the work, which will include stormwater drainage improvements, repair of the damaged rest area railings and revegetation of the landslip area. We expect to temporarily close the rest area while work is carried out, and will provide further advice about this in advance of the work.

Myers Bluff embankment and guard rail

Work is expected to begin this month to improve drainage under the embankment at Myers Bluff, west of Bellingen.

We are also developing plans to repair three land slips at Myers Bluff and Gordonville. This work will enable the road shoulder and safety barriers to be restored. The project is in the detailed design phase, with work expected to begin mid-year.

Sweedmans Lane improvements

Roads and Maritime is developing plans to improve road safety near Sweedmans Lane, east of Bellingen, and rehabilitate the Waterfall Way road surface. The work will involve road geometry improvements and road surface widening.

Slope repair

This project, about 2.3km east of Newell Falls, involves building a mass block and rock fill retaining wall and repairing the damaged embankment on the Dorrigo Mountain. Minor adjustments will be made to the two culverts in the area, with the work expected to be completed later this year.

Snowies, Point Lookout Road

Final drainage work and road surfacing is planned for mid 2014.

Fernbrook Loop Road

Motorists will soon benefit from improved safety near Fernbrook Loop Road west of Dorrigo, with rebuilding work underway. The road is being reshaped to improve safety on the bends. Some minor widening work and other safety measures will be implemented to help reduce the likelihood of crashes. A vehicle activated sign alerting passing motorists to their speed will be reinstalled as a trial at the site. Motorists are advised of alternating traffic conditions while the work is carried out on weekdays from 7am to 4pm. Pavement reshaping has been completed.

Silverton Road, west of Dorrigo

Work to rebuild the road surface immediately to the west of Silverton Road, 23km east of Armidale, will commence in the coming months. The work will include the addition of gravel to strengthen the existing roadway.

Projects completed since the December update

- Rocky Creek reconstruction
- Sherrard Falls resurfacing
- Burdett Park, Fernmount improvements

The process



Contact us

For more information about the safety review, or to provide feedback, please contact the project team by:

Phone: 13 17 82 or 6640 1300, Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm

Email: grafon.regional.office@rms.nsw.gov.au

Web: rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/north_eastern_region/waterfall_way

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Feedback form



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Please use this form to identify the issues and concerns you have about road safety along Waterfall Way. Your feedback will form an important part of this safety review.

Issue:

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Any further comments? (If you require more space, please attach additional pages)

Please return the completed form to the project team in person at the drop-in session on **Thursday 27 March 2014**, email (grafton.regional.office@rms.nsw.gov.au) or mail (write to: Waterfall Way Road Safety Review, Reply Paid 87323, Grafton NSW, 2460) by **Friday 4 April 2014**.



To mail this feedback form first fold the two pages down to one page and then two more folds along the dotted lines so the Reply Paid address is face up, then seal with clear tape. Mail your completed form (no stamp required) to the address below.

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Would you like to be added to the project database and receive updates about the Waterfall Way Road Safety Review? **Yes** **No**

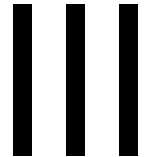
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