

Nelligen Bridge Replacement

Kings Highway upgrade

Project update

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New Nelligen Bridge open to traffic and the old bridge being removed

What we've been up to

Work over the last few months has included:

- Continuing to build the Kings Highway connections to the new bridge
- Opening the new bridge to traffic
- Temporarily closing Wharf Street to build up the road surface level
- Starting to remove the old Nelligen Bridge
- Continuing with plantings and hydroseeding.

What's coming up

Work over the coming months will include:

- Removing the old Nelligen Bridge
- Completing the Wharf Street and Kings Highway intersection
- Building the new shared path between the new bridge and Reid Street
- Building the cul-de-sac at Thule Road
- Landscaping and foreshore work.



6 concrete girders removed from old bridge



Over **497,000** work hours to date



81,000m³ of earth moved



82% project completion

Community bridge walk celebration

On Saturday 4 February 2023, over 300 people came together in Nelligen to reminisce, celebrate and walk across the new bridge before it opened to traffic.

Local Walbunja Elder, Uncle Owen Carriage, marked the start of the formalities with a moving Welcome to Country. This was then followed by a ribbon cutting before the community walked across the new bridge for the first time.

The atmosphere was electric as the community skipped, danced and walked across the bridge.

There was also a buzz on the foreshore including a sausage sizzle kindly supported by the Nelligen Progress Association, kids' activities, local Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services displays, a Transport information tent and local markets.

We would like to thank everyone involved in this historic day.

New bridge open to traffic

The new Nelligen Bridge reached a huge milestone on Wednesday 22 February 2023 when it opened to traffic for the first time.

Emergency services were some of the first vehicles to use the new river crossing.

The new two lane bridge has improved safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists by providing an improved curve on the eastern side of the bridge, wider lanes and shoulders, and safety barriers between the road and shared path.



Uncle Owen Carriage and Transport for NSW staff cutting the ribbon



NSW SES Batemans Bay Unit enjoying the new bridge



Community walk across the new bridge



Families enjoying a day out on the new bridge



Kids' activities on the western foreshore



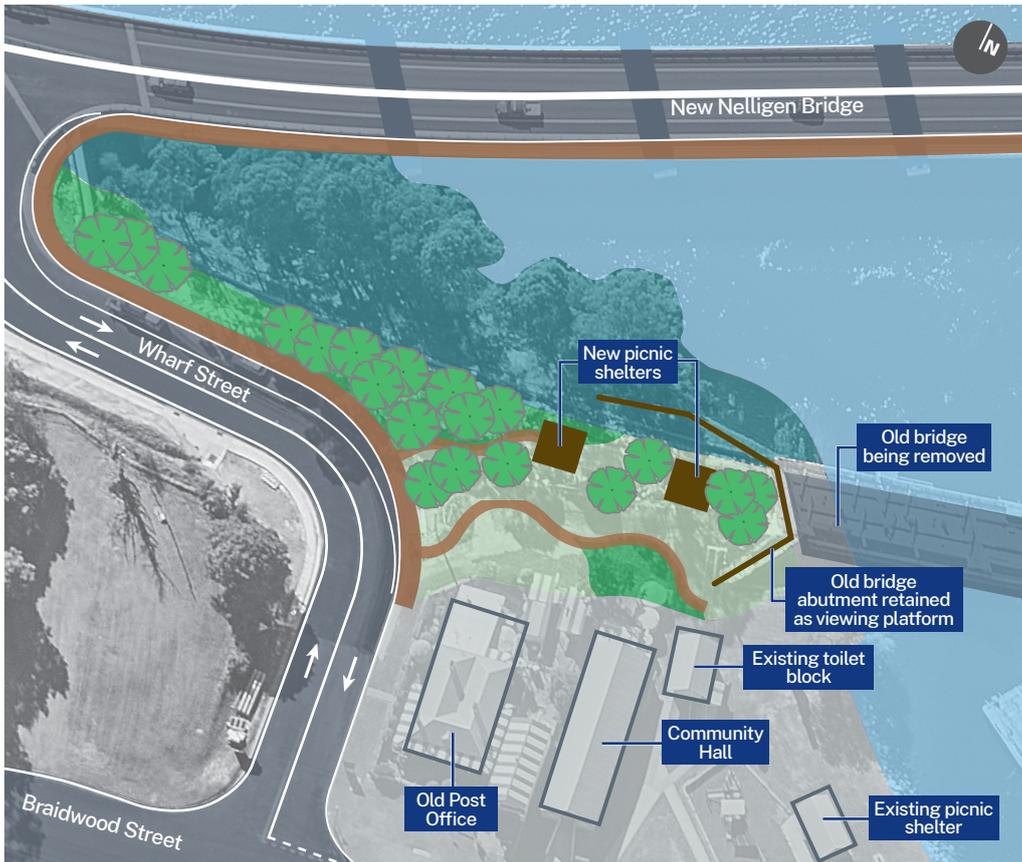
The first vehicle to use the new Clyde River crossing

Landscaping and foreshore work

Landscaping work is continuing along the highway corridor and nearby areas. This includes on the western foreshore and the location of the temporary site office on Thule Road.

Key features of the community space on the western foreshore at Nelligen include a public viewing platform using the western bridge abutment from the old bridge, a footpath from Wharf Street to the foreshore and two new picnic shelters with access from Wharf Street.

Thule Road will become a cul-de-sac and landscaping in this area will include dryland grass, mixed canopy planting and native trees. A new shared path will connect Thule Road and the new bridge. The bioretention pond will slow and treat stormwater runoff.



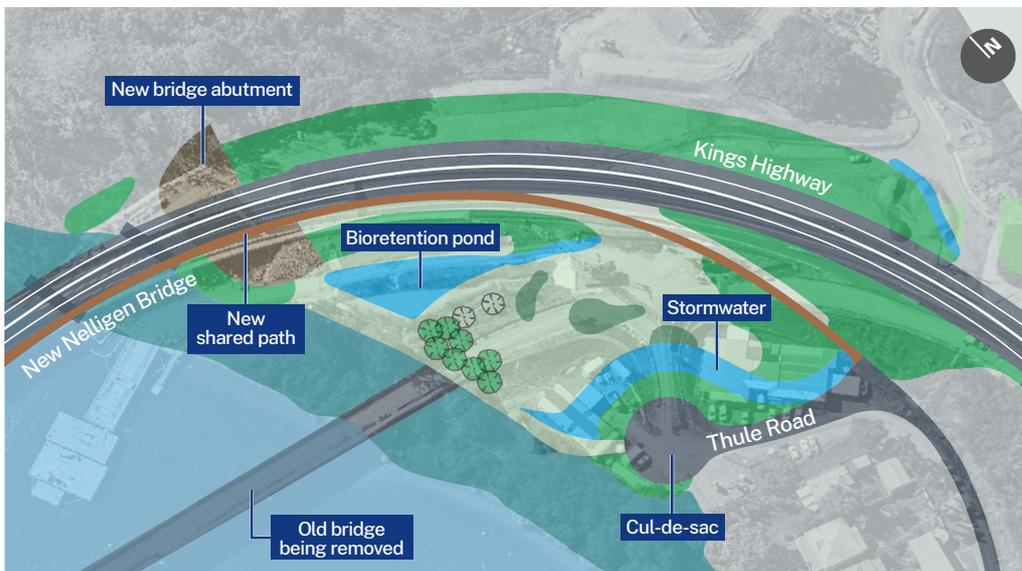
Western foreshore landscaping

LEGEND

-  Sealed paving
-  Existing vegetation / mixed canopy retained
-  Low shrubs and native grasses
-  Turf / grass
-  Trees
-  Existing trees retained
-  Eucalyptus planting
-  Footpaths
-  Picnic shelters
-  Vegetated swale



Examples of picnic shelter facilities



Eastern foreshore landscaping

Removal of old bridge

Work to remove the old bridge started with the large 55 metre barge arriving in March to assist with the demolition process. A crane has been positioned on the barge and will be used to lift heavy sections of the old bridge onto smaller barges or trucks so they can be transported to the waste processing area on the eastern side of the river.

The deconstruction started with the removal of the bridge walkway and road surface. This was then followed by the removal of the bridge deck and concrete girders in sections. After the girders have been removed from a span, work will progress to removing the piers and piles. The eastern abutment will be removed last, and the western abutment will be retained as a public viewing platform. This will be an integral part of the western foreshore community space.

We may need to extend our work hours for bridge removal activities to include some Saturday afternoons and Sundays. These extended work hours are not expected to occur every weekend.

Visit the project webpage for more information on the removal process.

Look familiar?

The 55 metre barge, named PM North, was used during the new bridge build.



Removal of the walkway and bridge deck

A snapshot of our progress



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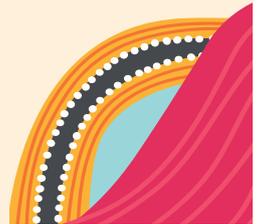
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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging, and their ongoing cultural connection to the region's mountains, coastline and waterways.



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