

Community Update

Coxs River Road Upgrade

September 2024



Aerial shot of the new bridge at Coxs River Road which opened to traffic in May 2024.

Together the Australian and NSW Governments are investing \$232 million towards the Coxs River Road Upgrade which will reduce congestion and improve safety and accessibility for all road users, commuters, and pedestrians.

In May 2024 the Australian Government announced their \$116 million contribution towards the Coxs River Road Upgrade, as part of their investment in improving regional road networks across Central West NSW.

Work is progressing with the project on track to be finished in mid-2025. The Coxs River Road Bridge opened to traffic at the end of May and the retaining walls behind the Lolly Bug have been completed. The installation of the precast panels for the retaining walls has commenced and will be completed in late September 2024.

Key works in the coming months will focus on preparing the sub pavement layers throughout the entire length, continuing asphaltting and opening up Baaners Lane to its new design.

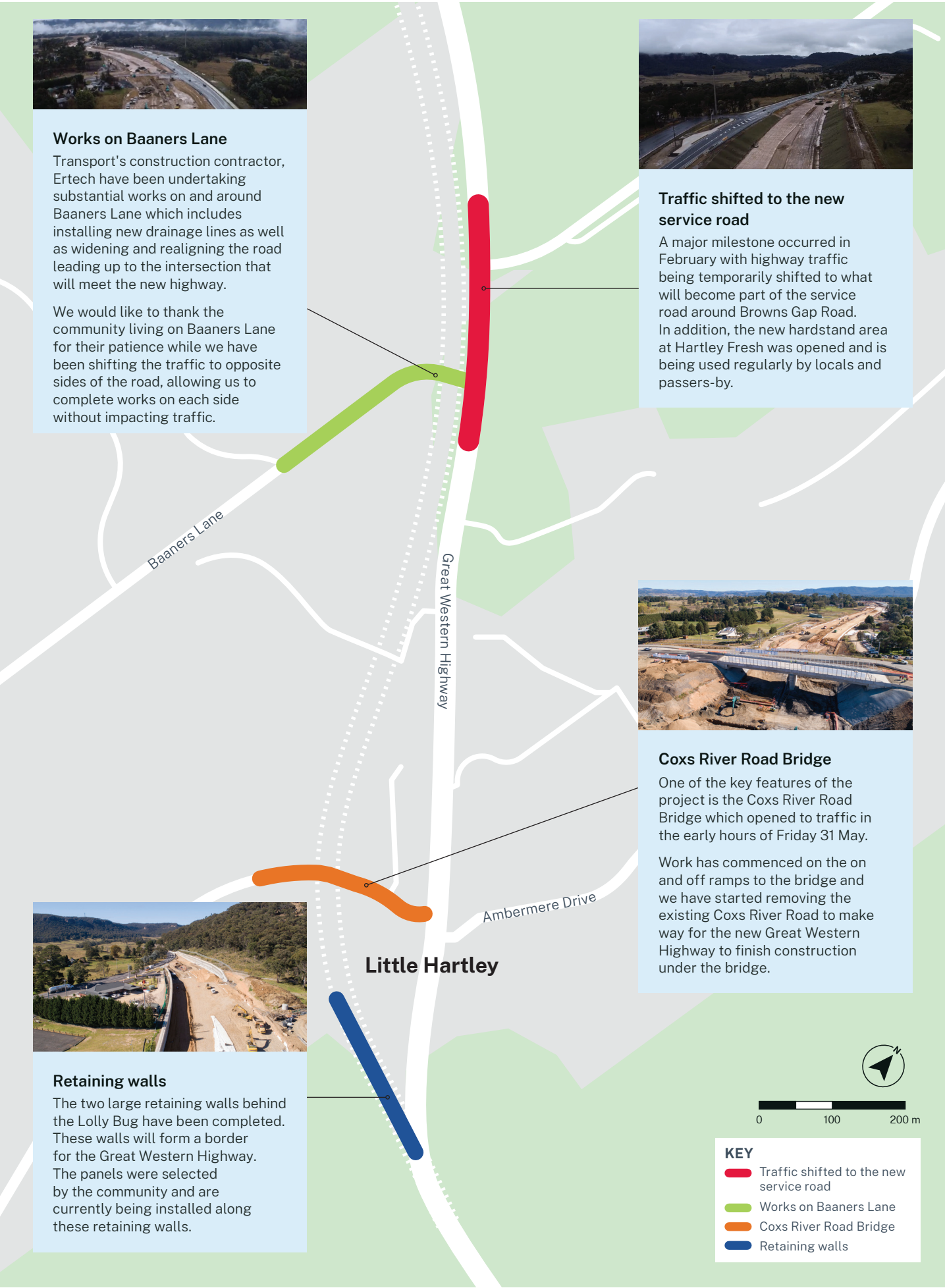
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Coxs River Road Upgrade map





The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, was joined by the Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and Regional Director Alistair Lunn from Transport for NSW to announce the federal funding for Coxs River Road.

Federal funding announced as new bridge opens

As part of the Australian Government's commitment to improving regional road networks across Central West NSW, they will invest \$116 million in the Coxs River Road Upgrade, through the 2024-25 Federal Budget.

On 21 May the Federal Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Kristy McBain and the NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon Jenny Aitchison visited the Coxs River Road Bridge to announce the federal funding commitment.

Transport and Ertech project team members joined members of the Community Advisory Group at the event. While onsite, the Ministers' cut a ribbon to symbolise the opening of the new bridge to traffic on 31 May, a major milestone for the project.



Cutting the ribbon on the new bridge, pictured left to right: Transport for NSW Project Director, Van Bardzhamian, Ertech Construction Manager, Shane Cahill, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, Kristy McBain MP, and Transport for NSW Regional Director, Alistair Lunn.



Working with local community

As a project, we understand the value and role that community groups play in the local area.

Recently, Ertech donated funds to the running of Hartley Valley Progress Association's Easter Egg Hunt, held on 30 March 2024.

We appreciate being given these opportunities to work alongside our local community.



Members of the Transport for NSW and Ertech project teams on the Coxs River Road Bridge during the Federal Government's funding announcement.



Construction of the retaining wall behind the Lolly Bug in April.



The Coxs River Road Bridge at Little Hartley.

The active transport path on the new Coxs River Road Bridge.

Coxs River Road Bridge

One of the key milestones for the Coxs River Road Upgrade has been reached, with the recent opening of the 70-metre long, two-span bridge on Coxs River Road.

This bridge will keep the local community connected and help locals to safely access local business without interacting with the traffic on the highway.

Once the upgrade is complete, the bridge will also allow for westbound traffic to exit the highway to access local businesses in Little Hartley, while the on-ramp will provide an easy way for locals to enter the highway and travel towards Lithgow.

The construction of the bridge involved 900 cubic metres of concrete, as well as 14 super T girders, weighing 60 tonnes each. The girders were delivered in December 2023 and lifted into place in the first week of January 2024.

The bridge and approaches have been built from local materials with all the concrete sourced from Lithgow and the quarry materials coming from Oberon.

The bridge also includes a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists so active commuters can also safely cross the highway.

The bridge opened to traffic in the early hours of Friday 31 May and the focus is now on the on and off ramps, followed by landscaping the area.

With the bridge completed and the Coxs River Road traffic now safely travelling on it, the former Coxs River Road is being removed and work on the new Great Western Highway travelling underneath the bridge has commenced.

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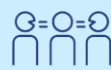
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