TRAFFIC DIVERTED ONTO NEW KANGAROO VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE AS WORK PROGRESSES ON BYPASS

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward has today inspected the Kangaroo Valley Road Bridge, which opened to local traffic earlier this week as work progresses on the $580 million Foxground and Berry bypass.

Mr Ward said that the new bridge is 50 metres long and 19 metres wide and includes shared pathways for pedestrians and cyclists in both directions.

“This is another great milestone for this 12.5 kilometre Princes Highway upgrade which is making exceptional progress since the first sod was turned in January last year,” he said.

“The bridge will ultimately cross the new Princes Highway and will form part of the southern interchange for access to and from Berry.

“Work to excavate the ground under the bridge will start soon to progress building work on the highway.

“Roundabouts will be built at either ends of the new bridge which will ultimately link Queen Street and Kangaroo Valley Road to the on and off ramps from the bypass.

“The public may remember the marathon 18 hour concrete pour in February this year, with more than 1,100 cubic metres of concrete used on this bridge,” Mr Ward said.

“Around 30 timber bollards sourced from Blackbutt trees salvaged from the project have been installed to separate the shared pathway from the traffic lanes.

“The bollards were sourced and skilfully handcrafted with the support of the Berry Men’s Shed, Berry Landcare and local volunteers.

“The finished product is a tremendous reflection of the community coming together,” he said.
Mr Ward said that motorists on Schofields Lane can now temporarily access the Princes Highway via the Hitchcocks Lane extension, Huntingdale Park and Kangaroo Valley roads, to allow work to progress on the new northbound lanes.

“Upcoming work will see motorists temporarily moved onto the new northbound lanes of the highway from Mullers Lane to Queen Street,” he said.

“Traffic was moved onto a new two kilometre section of highway and the on ramp north of Berry in May and motorists are now travelling under new bridges at Tindalls Lane and Berry,” Mr Ward concluded.

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