STINGRAY CREEK BRIDGE FULLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC

After many years in planning and construction, motorists are now enjoying the use of both lanes of the new Stingray Creek Bridge with the $26 million structure almost complete.

Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams said southbound traffic was today moved onto the new bridge, for which the NSW Government contributed $16.4 million and Port Macquarie-Hastings Council $9.6 million.

“In December the first traffic was moved onto this wider, safer bridge and today we are excited to be opening the second lane,” Mrs Williams said.

“This bridge is an important crossing on Ocean Drive, providing a vital link between North Haven and Laurieton for more than 8000 vehicles a day.

“This is an outstanding development for our local community and shows that the NSW Government is delivering for regional communities across the state.

“Investment in this type of infrastructure is essential to keep pace with population growth in areas like the Camden Haven.”

Mrs Williams said only a small amount of finishing work was left to complete on the new bridge.

“The new three-metre path for cyclists and pedestrians will soon be opened for the community to use.

“Pedestrians have been using one of the paths on the new bridge since December, but this second, wider shared path is a key feature of the new bridge and is something the community has long wanted.”

“Work will soon commence on the removal of the old bridge which is expected to be completed in the second half of 2017,” Mrs Williams said.

Maritime restrictions will remain in place until this work is completed.