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NEW CROSSING OF NAMBUCCA RIVER – THE PHILLIP HUGHES BRIDGE

Roads, Maritime and Freight Minister Melinda Pavey has announced the new Pacific Highway bridge over the Nambucca River will be named after the late cricketer Phillip Hughes.

Phillip Hughes, who grew up in Macksville, died in November 2014, when he was struck in the neck in a freakish accident while playing in Sydney.

Mrs Pavey said Phillip Hughes’ family and Nambucca Shire Council are supportive of the decision as well as the local community.

“Phillip Hughes was a role model for young people from the Macksville community as well as the rest of the country for his dedication and determination to succeed,” Mrs Pavey said.

“His death had an enormous impact on Australians and cricket fans in particular and prompted the hash tag – Put Out Your Bats.

“I am pleased to announce that the new bridge as part of the Macksville bypass will now be known as The Phillip Hughes Bridge.

“This is a fitting tribute to a fine young local who was taken too soon.”

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