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PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE TEAM DELIVERS MORE THAN A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY

Members of the project team building the Herons Creek to Stills Road Pacific Highway upgrade are being labelled heroes after helping to deliver a baby on the side of the road yesterday morning.

Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams said, “Around 9am yesterday a Laurieton resident was in labour and being driven along the Pacific Highway toward Port Macquarie Base Hospital by a friend when they realised the mum-to-be wasn’t going to make it to town before the baby was born.

“Lucky for her, they pulled over at the main gate for the upgrade project and were directed to a safe place to park.

“The project team sprung into action. While one person called an ambulance, others gathered towels and hot water.

“With help from a nurse on the telephone, the team members helped to deliver a healthy baby girl,” Mrs Williams said.

While at the time the upgrade team was quick to act, they say the event now seems surreal.

“I couldn’t believe it. This kind of thing only happens in the movies!” the upgrade’s Environmental Manager Rachel Bannister said.

“When you go to work in the morning, you don’t expect something like this to be a part of your day.

“I’m just glad we could help. It was an amazing experience,” she said.