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FOSTER TUNCURRY BRIDGE GETS A NEW COAT OF PAINT

Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead today announced that Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will next week start maintenance on the Forster Tuncurry Bridge.

Mr Bromhead said RMS has provided $700,000 for the work which involves repainting the bridge’s steel spans.

“To protect the environment while maintenance is carried out RMS will build an enclosed scaffold system under the span with an access point from the Tuncurry end of the bridge,” Mr Bromhead said.

“The work involves removing the existing paint, so a fresh coat can be applied.

“This will increase the service life of the bridge and reduce the possibility of rusting.

“The bridge will remain open to all vehicles. The main navigation channel will be changed to allow marine traffic to safely pass under the bridge while the work is carried out.”

Marine traffic should obey the signs and navigate the channel with care during the work. The work will be carried out weekdays between 7am and 5pm as well as some weekends when needed.

“Every effort will be made to minimise noise while this essential maintenance is carried out,” Mr Bromhead added.

"The Forster Tuncurry Bridge is an icon in the Great Lakes and in fact throughout the North Coast, so it is vital to protect and maintain it,” he said.

Work is expected to be completed in June, weather permitting.

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