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PRICES HIGHWAY GERRINGONG COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward today said that the community is invited to attend information sessions to find out more about progress of the Princes Highway Gerringong upgrade.

"Fulton Hogan was awarded the contract to design and build the 7.5 kilometre upgrade between Mt Pleasant and Toolijooa Road in December last year," Mr Ward said.

"Investigations have since been carried out including assessments of heritage items and some public and private buildings and properties.

"Geotechnical work, a review of the existing drainage conditions, survey work and some minor excavations to identify the location of utilities, has also been carried out.

"The work is continuing and motorists are reminded this may involve short closures of one lane and the road shoulder.

"Motorists are reminded to exercise care and obey reduced speed limits in areas where work is being carried out," Mr Ward said.

"During the sessions, information will be provided on the route alignment, bridge designs, landscape and urban design plans.

"The drop in sessions will be held from 10am to 4pm on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 May at Gerringong Town Hall, 106 Fern Street, Gerringong.

"Community feedback will be considered in the finalisation of the detailed design and completed responses should be lodged by 5pm Friday 22 June.

"Feedback forms will be distributed to the community and be available at the information sessions.

"Work on the $310 million upgrade is expected to start in late 2013, with completion expected in the first half of 2015, weather permitting," Mr Ward said.