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DUNMORE BRIDGE COMMUNITY SITE VISIT

Member for Maitland Robyn Parker has welcomed the decision by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to hold a community site visit at Dunmore Bridge, Woodville ahead of the planned closure for upgrading work.

The NSW Government has provided $6.7 million this financial year to complete the important upgrade of the historic bridge on Paterson Road, which started in October 2011.

“Around 2,700 vehicles a day use Dunmore Bridge and eight per cent of these are heavy vehicles,” Ms Parker said.

“RMS is managing the project to strengthen the bridge to meet current load requirements and reduce future maintenance costs.

“The upgrade involves the replacement of all three spans as well as the approach span and the connection between the road and the bridge on the Woodville side.

“Work to upgrade the structure is progressing well and so far has included installing new foundations at the northern end and the fabrication of three stress laminated timber bridge decks.

“A full bridge closure of up to 28 days is needed to complete the upgrade.

“Dunmore Bridge will be closed to traffic from 6am on Saturday 22 September through to 6am on Monday 22 October, weather permitting.

“In coming weeks RMS will continue to remind the community of the bridge closure through letterbox drops, advertising, roadside signs and the local media.

“RMS is now inviting the community to attend the site visit on Saturday 4 August between 11am and 2pm to see the progress of the upgrade first hand.

“This is a great opportunity for the community to learn more about the project,” Ms Parker said.

Community members interested in attending should contact RMS on 4924 0240 or by email Sharon.Parr@rms.nsw.gov.au

A community update is being distributed to local residents and will be available to view at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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