**Project Update**

The new four lane bridge and improved section of the highway will deliver better connections in and around Batemans Bay for motorists, freight, river users, pedestrians and cyclists.

**What work is coming up?**

Major work on the replacement bridge started in February 2019. Work planned between April and June 2019 will include:

- building a temporary construction jetty on the southern foreshore. A jetty is needed during major work to safely move materials on to the river
- starting piling and construction of piers on the river using equipment including barges, pontoons and boats
- setting up a marine exclusion zone, for the safety of river users and workers
- completing the temporary boat ramp at Korners Park, for the convenience of boat users during construction
- removing trees and vegetation
- changing traffic conditions on the Princes Highway between Kings Highway and North Street to safely carry out work
- building a temporary stretch of road to move the Princes Highway slightly east of the existing bridge so work can start on building the bridge approaches at the existing highway.

**Construction hours**

Standard construction work hours are Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

During some activities we will be required to work outside of standard hours to minimise disruptions during peak periods. We will inform the community before any out of hours work is required.

To minimise impacts to the community and motorists, no work will be carried out in the project area during the upcoming holiday period between Friday 19 and Sunday 28 April 2019. Work on the temporary construction facility south of Mogo, will continue over this period.

**For more information**

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**Major work will start on the river**

To maintain the safety of river users and workers during construction of the new bridge, an exclusion zone will be in place from early May.

A navigational channel through the exclusion zone will be in place at all times and taller vessels will continue to be able use the lift span of the existing bridge. The exclusion zone will be located immediately upstream and downstream of the existing bridge and have navigation markers that will flash at night. River users will be required to reduce speed to four knots minimising wash.

From May 2019, equipment will arrive in the river required to start work on the bridge. This will include two large barges, temporary jetties, pontoons and boats. You will see large cranes and piling rigs in place to build the bridge. This equipment will be used to build the piers, install the piers and place the concrete segments of the new bridge. Visit rms.nsw.gov.au/BatemansBayBridge to view a video of how this equipment will be used.
Work planned between April and June 2019

Piling will start at the southern foreshore
From late April 2019, piling will start on land near the southern foreshore of Clyde River. Piles are large columns made from concrete and steel and will be the foundations of the new bridge. Large piling rigs will drill into the rock beneath the surface.

Piling in the water will start when marine equipment arrives in May.
There will be increased noise and vibrations associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise impacts and will undertake noise monitoring during these activities.

Supporting local job seekers
A new training hub was opened in February 2019. This is a part of the NSW Government’s Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program aimed at upskilling under-represented or disadvantaged groups, particularly in regional areas. The hub will host a variety of training programs and is available to current and potential employees. The program aims to employ up to 50 people as a learning worker, trainee or apprentice.

Prioritising local businesses
The project team is committed to supporting local businesses. So far, we have used local businesses to source timber, accommodation, printing services, aggregate materials, plumbers, electricians and plant hire.

There will be changes to your journey
For the safety of workers and motorists, temporary lane closures, short-term traffic stoppages, installation of safety barriers and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place at times between Kings Highway and North Street. This may affect travel times by five minutes.

From April, a temporary new stretch of Princes Highway will be built between south of the existing bridge and North Street to allow for the safe construction of the new bridge. Traffic will move onto this temporary section of road by the middle of the year.

Right turns onto Clyde Street are now restricted. Motorists traveling south on the Princes Highway wanting to turn right into Clyde Street (West) and motorists traveling north wanting to turn right into Clyde Street (East) are now required to travel via North Street. Detour signs have been put in place.

Work will also start to upgrade the Princes and Kings Highway intersection. Earthwork and rock breaking will start to widen Old Punt Road to provide a safer road and new pedestrian footpath.

Widening of the Princes Highway will occur on the western side.

There will be increased noise and vibrations associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise impacts and will undertake noise monitoring during these activities.

The fenced off areas for underwater utility relocation activities will remain in place at Korners Park and the old service station on the corner of Clyde Street and the Princes Highway until the project is completed.

A temporary facility is being built south of Mogo to locally build concrete box segments required for the new bridge.