Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading the Princes Highway between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road. The $329 million upgrade will provide 7.5 kilometres of upgraded highway and includes two new interchanges with access to Gerringong and Gerroa. Roads and Maritime is delivering this project on behalf of the NSW Government.

Omega Bridge open

We opened Omega Bridge on 13 February 2015. It was great to see motorists using the bridge that improves access in and out of Gerringong.

The bridge is 350 metres long and weighs an impressive 460 tonnes. The bridge was pushed across the railway line using a specialised technique known as incremental launching. This method allowed motorists to continue to access Gerringong via Fern Street. The construction technique allowed a safer working environment.

The bridge took over two years to build involving 200 workers equating to over 60,000 labour hours.

Traffic arrangements

There were numerous traffic changes between November 2014 and March 2015 to progress the highway upgrade that included:

- Motorists travelling on the new northbound lanes between Mount Pleasant and Fern Street (November 2014)
- Motorists travelling over Omega Bridge and the new Fern Street improvements (February 2015)

These traffic changes have allowed for the highway upgrade to progress with around 50% of the northbound and southbound lanes now open to traffic.

Vintage cars were the first to drive over the newly opened Omega Bridge.

There are now two lanes in each direction between Mount Pleasant and Fern Street.

For real time traffic information visit www.livetraffic.com or call 132 701
Gerringong railway station – car park upgrade

As part of the highway upgrade, the car park at Gerringong railway station has been upgraded to improve access and parking. The car park upgrade included a new bus turning facility, 16 parking spaces and a new footpath for commuters.

What else has happened to date?

- Relocation of private property driveway access onto Aline Bank Lane.
- 25 of 28 bridge structures are complete.
- A bus bay at Sims Road has been built. The bus bay planned for Toolijooa Road is now being included in the construction of the Foxground and Berry bypass.
- Wall panels have been installed on the retaining wall near Willowvale Road.
- Sections of the noise walls have been built along the eastern side of the Princes Highway adjacent to Burnett Avenue in Gerringong.

In the next three months:

- Open southbound lanes to motorists between Rose Valley Road and Belinda Street.
- Open southbound lanes from south of Gerringong curves to Toolijooa Road.
- Complete the Rose Valley Road interchange with an exit off Fern Street providing southbound access onto the highway.
- Open sections of the interchange at Belinda Street.
- Carry out landscaping, signage, line marking and barrier installation.
- Install a permanent electronic message sign for southbound traffic near Belinda Street.

Update on Belinda Street closure

Thank you to those who provided feedback about the closure of Belinda Street. As a result, the work to upgrade the Union Creek drainage culvert will no longer be part of the highway upgrade project. This work will now be carried out by Kiama Municipal Council at a more appropriate time. We have provided the feedback we received to Council for their consideration.

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