

Gerringong upgrade

Princes Highway

Construction update (June 2014)



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Contractor: Fulton Hogan

Form of contract: Design and construct

Workers on site: Around 300 including Roads and Maritime Services, Fulton Hogan and subcontractors

Large plant on site: Around 70 including cranes, rock crushers, excavators, trucks and a piling machine

Start of construction date: July 2012

Expected completion date: Mid 2015
(weather permitting)

Project value and funding: \$329 million
NSW State Government funding

Community

- During March we asked for feedback on extending our working hours. We door knocked over 300 residents and businesses and will continue to seek feedback from the local community.

Environment

- To minimise environmental impacts on the site and surrounding landscape during and after heavy rain, we have built 28 basins with the capacity to capture over 20 million litres of surface water.

Safety

- Ensuring worker safety is our priority. We have safely inducted over 2,500 workers onto the Gerringong upgrade site since the start of construction.

Wet weather and its impacts affected construction on 31 days in the past three months. 

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 include two new interchanges with access to Gerringong and Gerroa. This work is funded by the NSW Government.

Traffic arrangements

As building of the upgrade progresses, changes to traffic arrangements are needed to allow traffic to continue to flow.

Generally the new northbound lanes are being built first. Traffic is being moved onto the new sections of the highway as they are completed. This will allow the new southbound lanes to be built and minimises impacts on traffic flow.

A total of 12 bridges on the northbound carriageway are complete.

Following are some recent traffic changes:

Rose Valley Road bridge

- Motorists are now using the new bridge at Rose Valley Road, with the interchange at Rose Valley Road and Princes Highway moving further north to allow building of the new highway to progress underneath the bridge. Motorists are still able to travel north and south from Rose Valley Road.
- The u-turn and bus bay has also been relocated to the new section of Rose Valley Road.



NSW Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay officially opens the new bridge at Rose Valley Road with Member for Kiama Gareth Ward.



Newly opened bridge at Rose Valley Road.

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Princes Highway between Willowvale Road and north of Sims Road

- Princes Highway traffic has been moved onto temporary sections of the upgraded highway between Willowvale Road and north of Sims Road. A temporary intersection is providing access to Sims Road and Alne Bank Lane.
- These changes will be in place until the southbound lanes of the new highway are open to traffic in early 2015, weather permitting.



Upgraded highway near Willowvale Road.

Intersection of the Princes Highway and Belinda Street

- The intersection of the Princes Highway and Belinda Street has been temporarily relocated near Willowvale Road with full access into and out of Belinda Street. This allows traffic to flow while the Belinda Street interchange and new highway is being built.
- Further traffic changes will occur as building of this intersection progresses.

What else has happened to date?

- Around 20,000 tonnes of asphalt has been laid across the project.
- The railway overbridge at Fern Street has reached its halfway point and has crossed over the railway line.
- Traffic changes at Mount Pleasant and south of Gerringong curves.
- Precast concrete panels have been installed under the Rose Valley Road bridge.
- Over 40,000 cubic metres of material used to settle the soft ground at Omega Flats has been relocated.



Fern Street bridge reaches halfway point and launches over railway.

In the next three months

- Moving highway traffic onto new sections of the upgraded highway between Toolijooa Road and Gerringong curves, and between Mount Pleasant and Fern Street.
- Temporarily closing a section of Belinda Street to install large drainage pipes underneath the road.
- Traffic changes around Belinda Street, including traffic being able to travel under the new twin bridges at Belinda Street.
- Temporarily closing the intersection of the Princes Highway and Fern Street to progress building the bridge.
- Work on the new southbound carriageway will start.
- Demolishing the old bridge over Crooked River and building a new bridge in its place.
- Bringing forward building the Toolijooa Road intersection to improve safety during construction. This includes removing the southbound overtaking lane to install protected right turn bays to improve safety for local accesses.

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