Kings Highway upgrade program
November 2017

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering a $35 million package of safety improvements and maintenance upgrades on the Kings Highway to improve freight access and safety for motorists.

Background
The Kings Highway is the main road between Batemans Bay on the NSW South Coast and the ACT. The Highway is 137 kilometres long, linking Canberra, Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Braidwood, Nelligen and Batemans Bay.

In 2012 the NSW Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime carried out a road safety review of the Kings Highway between the Princes Highway roundabout at Batemans Bay and the eastern most part of the ACT border just south of Bungendore.

The NSW Government has provided $35 million in funding for upgrading the Kings Highway to improve safety and traffic efficiency for all road users.

Work on the upgrades started in 2013 and all projects are expected to be completed by 2019.

Project benefits
The key benefits of the work include:
- Safer conditions for motorists especially in wet weather
- Improved freight access and more efficient routes for freight vehicles
- More reliable travel times and reduced maintenance costs.

Program overview
The package of work includes:
- Over 21 kilometres of road rebuilding, sealing and drainage work
- Widening shoulders and installing five kilometres of roadside safety barrier
- Building a police enforcement bay at Captains Flat.
Upcoming key projects

**Nelligen Bridge**

Rocks and Maritime is planning for a new bridge over the Clyde River at Nelligen.

The new bridge would be built upstream of the existing bridge ensuring a safe and reliable Kings Highway crossing of the Clyde River at Nelligen.

Construction of the new bridge is expected to start in 2019 and be open to traffic in 2020.

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**Completed projects**

**River Forest Road to Mongarlowe River**

Rocks and Maritime engaged Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council to realign 4.1 kilometres of the road to improve safety on the highway between River Forest Road and the Mongarlowe River, south of Braidwood.

As part of this work a number of trees were removed to make room for the new alignment which includes an overtaking lane and shoulder widening. A roadside safety barrier has also been installed as part of this work.

Work started in July 2015 and was completed in November 2017.

**East of Nelligen 1.2 km curve realignment**

Rocks and Maritime engaged Eurobodalla Shire Council to realign 1.2 kilometres of the road to improve safety on the highway from Old Nelligen Road towards Batemans Bay on the Kings Highway east of Nelligen. The work also included shoulder widening.

Work started in June 2015 and was completed in August 2016.

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**Misty Mountain**

Rocks and Maritime engaged Eurobodalla Shire Council to widen a 500m stretch of the road at Misty Mountain, about 19 kilometres north west of Nelligen. Vegetation was also removed to improve line of sight for motorists and to widen the road, while a safety barrier was installed on the side of the road to improve safety for motorists.

Work started in late April 2015 and was completed in March 2016.
**Completed work at East Nelligen**

**East of Shoalhaven River**

RMS engaged Palerang Shire Council to build an overtaking lane, widen the shoulder and remove roadside hazards to improve safety for motorists along 1.6km of the highway east of the Shoalhaven River.

Work started in mid 2014 and was completed in July 2015.

**Clyde Mountain**

Work was completed in September 2014 to stabilise the slope at Clyde Mountain. In 2015 further safety improvements included resurfacing the road and installing safety barriers to protect motorists from hazards.

**Police enforcement bay at Captains Flat**

RMS engaged Queanbeyan City Council to build a police enforcement site at Captains Flat for speed and drink driving enforcement. This site will also be used by Roads and Maritime vehicle regulation inspectors checking heavy vehicles travelling to Canberra and Queanbeyan.

Work on this site was completed in June 2015.

**Resurfacing work at Dinner Creek**

Work was completed in September 2014 to stabilise the slope at Clyde Mountain. In 2015 further safety improvements included resurfacing the road and installing safety barriers to protect motorists from hazards.

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Work on this site was completed in June 2015.

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