Briner Bridge restoration
April 2017

The NSW Government is funding plans for a major restoration of Briner Bridge, near the village of Tucabia. To help Roads and Maritime Services develop these plans, the community was invited to attend information sessions about the project.

Background
Briner Bridge, which was built in 1908, is a Dare truss bridge located between the villages of Ulmarra and Tucabia on Coldstream Terrace. To improve the bridge’s longevity and reduce future maintenance costs, Roads and Maritime is developing plans to upgrade the bridge. The project is being funded as part of the Bridges for the Bush program.

Community information sessions were held at the Tucabia Community Hall late last year to seek feedback on the restoration proposal. The feedback and questions we received at the sessions covered a range of issues including:

- closing the bridge during construction and associated impacts
- questions about options being considered
- improving safety, including sight distance and widening the bridge
- increasing the bridge’s load limit.

What happens next?
Since the information sessions we have been working closely with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to resolve a number of issues and finalise the design for the restoration of the bridge.

The community feedback we received is being considered as part of this process.

Consequently, construction on the bridge is unlikely to start until 2018.

Once the design is complete work dates will be finalised and the community will again be consulted regarding impacts, including a potential closure of the bridge during construction. The project team is working through a number of options aimed at minimising the duration of any closure.

We will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses.

For more information
If you any questions or concerns about the project, or to register your interest in the project, please contact the project team by:

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