



The 48-metre Maeve Anne barge arrived in Grafton in early June

New Grafton bridge project update

July 2017

The NSW Government is funding the \$240 million new Grafton bridge. This update outlines progress being made on the project and upcoming work.

Since the previous project update in April a number of major milestones have been achieved for the project.

In May, the 48-metre Maeve Anne barge being used to build the new bridge arrived in Yamba where it was fitted with equipment needed for the project. The Maeve Anne was then tugged up the Clarence River, arriving in Grafton on 3 June. In mid-June, land and marine piling started for the project.

A total of 25 piles – 15 land and 10 marine – will be installed for the project during the next 12 months.

At the end of June, work to improve sections of the levee system was completed. The levee improvements in Grafton and South Grafton included adjusting earth fill, reinforced concrete and concrete blockwall levees to increase sections of the levee system to offset the three-centimetre rise in flood levels caused by the new bridge.

Other key construction activities which have happened since the last update include:

- completion of the new car park at the corner of Pound and Clarence streets
- continuing construction of the temporary jetty
- continuing utility relocation
- continuing earthworks embankment construction and soft ground treatment
- continuing vegetation removal
- establishing the precast concrete manufacturing facility in South Grafton.

Key upcoming construction activities include:

- continuing earthworks embankment construction and soft ground treatment
- continuing construction of the temporary jetty
- continuing utility relocation
- continuing land and marine piling

- completing vegetation removal
- starting piling for the Pound Street rail bridge
- starting drainage culvert work
- starting work on a new pump station in Greaves Street.

85th birthday of the Grafton Bridge

The existing Grafton Bridge was officially opened to traffic on 19 July 1932. The bridge remains to this day the only one of its kind in Australia and is regarded as an important structure in the history of bridge building in this country.

The bridge was an all-Australian project being designed and built by the Railways Commission of NSW. The steel truss superstructure was manufactured by an Australian firm based in Sydney.

The railway was opened first on 7 May 1932 and the road section was opened, along with the official opening of the bridge itself, on 19 July 1932 by the then Governor General Sir Isacc Issacs.



An aerial view of the opening of the Grafton Bridge in 1932

Drop-in display

To celebrate the 85th birthday of the existing Grafton Bridge and the start of work on the new bridge, project staff will be available at the below location to discuss the project and answer questions:

Grafton Shoppingworld
56 – 74 Fitzroy Street, Grafton
Wednesday 19 July, noon to 3pm.

Grafton Show and presentation to the Grafton Chamber of Commerce

The project team took part in a display at the Grafton Agricultural Show held on Friday 5 May and Saturday 6 May. More than 250 people attended the display to obtain information about the new Grafton bridge.

The project team also attended a meeting of the Grafton Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday 19 April to discuss the project and answer questions. More than 50 members of the chamber attended the breakfast meeting.

Working hours

The project's approved working hours are:

- Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm
- Saturday between 8am and 1pm.

Any work outside of these hours will be carried out in accordance with the project's Conditions of Approval. Nearby residents will always be notified of any proposed work outside of these hours.



Crane pad earthworks on the north side of Clarence River



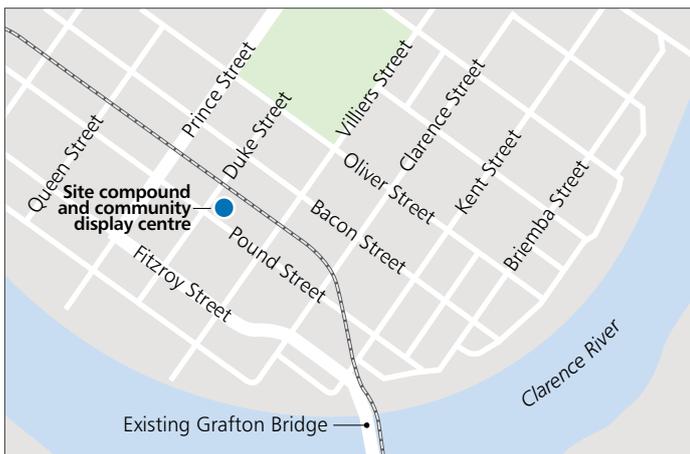
A steel casing for a marine pile being lifted by the crane on the southern embankment



Artist's impression of the new Grafton bridge alongside the existing bridge

Community display centre

The community information display centre at the main site compound (corner of Duke and Pound streets, Grafton) is open between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday for the public to view information about the project or speak to the project team.



For more information

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