

Waterfall Way work program 2013 update

Waterfall Way is an important route connecting the seaboard and Coffs Harbour district with the coastal hinterland of the Bellingen area, the tablelands of Dorrigo, Armidale and beyond. Roads and Maritime Services is working on several projects along Waterfall Way. This update gives you information about those projects and contact details.

Pacific Highway to Bellingen

Pacific Highway to Connells Creek

Roads and Maritime is investigating upgrading the Waterfall Way between the Pacific Highway and Connells Creek. Two route options were displayed for community feedback earlier this year. The Route Options Development Report describing these options has been developed and can be viewed on the project website.

Sweedmans Lane improvements

Roads and Maritime is developing plans to improve road safety near Sweedmans Lane. The work will involve road geometry improvements including road surface widening immediately to the west of Sweedmans Lane.

Burdett Park, Fernmount improvements

The NSW Government invested \$6 million to deliver safety and travel improvements along a 1.1 kilometre stretch through Fernmount.

The road in Fernmount had deteriorated in recent years and the large pipes under the road at Burdett Park Creek needed to be replaced. The road through Fernmount village was resurfaced during stage one, which has improved safety and reduced traffic noise.

The second stage to replace deteriorated metal culverts with a bridge at Burdett Park has been completed. The project was being finalised in late November with the laying of the final asphalt surface at the bridge.

Bellingen to Dorrigo

Nut farm landslip repair and realignment

Two road embankments need repairing 9.2km west of Bellingen where the Bellinger River is close to Waterfall Way. The repairs involve constructing a retaining wall and reinforcing the river bank with large rock. A single lane detour is in place to enable the work. Repairs started in late May and road users are advised the single lane detour is operating with speed restrictions.

Work to build a retaining wall has been delayed to allow design modifications to be made. There has been no activity on-site during this time. Work resumed in November and is expected to be finished by the end of March 2014, weather permitting. Roads and Maritime appreciates the cooperation of all road users during this period.

The completed work will ensure future flood events from the Bellinger River will not cause further damage and ensure the safety of road users at this location on the Waterfall Way.

Myers Bluff embankment and guard rail

Roads and Maritime is developing plans to repair the embankment and safety barriers near Myers Bluff. The work will include replacing a culvert along with road embankment repairs at several locations. This work will enable the road shoulder and safety barriers to be restored, with the present 60km/h speed restriction returned to 80km/h. The work is expected to be carried out in mid-2014.

Newell Falls slip repairs

Repair work on two landslides near the Newell Falls finished last year. Roads and Maritime has been monitoring the slopes and is investigating ways to improve drainage to further reduce the risk of future slips.

Roads and Maritime is also investigating a slip that occurred behind the Rotary Park rest area in 2011. The work will include stormwater drainage improvements, repair of the damaged rest area railings and revegetation of the landslip area. We expect to temporarily close the rest area while work is carried out, and will provide further advice about this in advance of the work.

Rocky Creek reconstruction

Major work to reconstruct a one-kilometre section of Waterfall Way, east of Dorrigo was finished in May 2013. The improvements

involved rebuilding the road from south of Rocky Creek Road to south of Dome Road.

To further improve road safety we have relocated the entrance to the local cemetery 150 metres north towards Dorrigo. This work included a new entrance to the cemetery.

Roads and Maritime discussed this proposal with the council, Dorrigo cemetery board, the garden club and local residents. Surfacing work will be carried out to finalise the project and this is due to be done before the end of 2013.

West of Dorrigo

Fernbrook Loop Road

Motorists will soon benefit from improved safety near Fernbrook Loop Road west of Dorrigo, with rebuilding work underway. The road is being reshaped to improve safety on the bends. Some minor widening work and other safety measures will be implemented to help reduce the likelihood of crashes. A vehicle activated sign alerting passing motorists to their speed has been installed and is being trialled at the site. Motorists are advised of alternating traffic conditions while the work is carried out on weekdays from 7am to 4pm.

Passing lane west of Ebor at the Snowies

Roads and Maritime completed drainage work in the cutting near the Trout Hatchery in 2012. Work to improve the road surface is expected to follow in 2014.

For more information on projects

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Updates on the program of work are also available on the Roads and Maritime website: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects