

Waterfall Way community update

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The NSW Government is funding the delivery of vital road improvements along Waterfall Way to improve the road surface and provide safer journeys for motorists. This community update provides information on current activities from Raleigh to Armidale.

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Future projects

Bellingen Main Street

During the next twelve months, a number of important projects will be completed along Waterfall Way. A Main Street plan for Bellingen Central Business District was formally adopted by Council last year.

To assist Council in delivering this vital project, the NSW Government has committed \$761,000.

It is expected that this financial year two stages of the project will be completed:

- Church Street intersection \$418,000
- Oak Street intersection \$343,000

Bellingen Shire Council is committed to improving the main street, with an allocation of additional funding towards improvements.

Connells Creek to East Fernmount

To the east of Bellingen, a further two projects are being developed with concept designs to improve the road between Connells Creek and East Fernmount. These two projects will join work completed last year near Sweedsmans Lane.

East of Armidale

To the east of Armidale improvement work is also planned for Waterfall Way:

- \$700,000 for upgrades east of Armidale.
- \$500,000 for upgrades 7km west of Ebor.

Recently completed projects

Improvements near Sweedmans Lane

Improvements to the road surface on Waterfall Way near Sweedmans Lane is now complete. Some finishing work will be carried out, including power pole relocation and drainage work.

This project was challenging and work had to be delayed earlier this year due to soft soils on the project. To further address ground conditions, additional investigations were carried out enabling work to progress. These investigations will assist in planning for future projects in this area.



Nearing completion at Sweedmans Lane, May 2016

Roads and Maritime thanks the community and road users for their patience while this work was carried out.

St Helena bridge to Four Mile bridge

Work to improve the road surface between St Helena and Four Mile bridges, about 29 km east of Armidale, is complete. The work, which links two recently completed bridges, includes widening, resealing and line marking.

Road safety review

In September 2014 Roads and Maritime released a road safety review of the Waterfall Way, from the Pacific Highway to Dorrigo. The review was a result of concerns raised by the community regarding the impact of the increase in truck

movements due to the Megan Quarry expansion. The quarry expansion was linked to haulage of materials to the Pacific Highway upgrade. A total of 32 short term recommendations were made. Since 2014, 23 recommendations have been completed. This included stabilisation work at the Gordonville Cutting and Myers Bluff projects.

The remaining recommendations continue to be considered as funding becomes available.

Other work completed includes:

- Installation of two vehicle activated speed devices
- Development of the Bellingen Main Street project
- Speed zone reviews between Thora and Dorrigo
- Landslip repair and realignment work at Nut Farm and Weeping Jenny.

Heavy vehicles

Haulage along Waterfall Way as part of the Nambucca Heads to Urunga Pacific Highway upgrade was completed earlier this year. No further hauling of material along Waterfall Way is expected for the highway upgrade.

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