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1 Summary

Roads and Maritime Services are currently working on 14 projects. There are:

- 9 proposals in development, including two in conjunction with local councils
- 5 projects currently under construction

1.1 Proposals in development

- Berry to Bomaderry Upgrade
- Princes Highway Albion Park Rail Bypass
- Princes Highway Nowra Bridge
- M1 Princes Motorway Improvements
- M1 Princes Motorway Interchange at Mount Ousley
- Batemans Bay Bridge
- Kings Highway Nelligen Bridge
- Charleyong Bridge replacement (in conjunction with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council)
- Lansdowne Bridge

1.2 Projects in construction

- Gocup Road Upgrade Program
- Princes Highway Dignams Creek
- Princes Highway Burrill Lake Bridge
- Foxground and Berry Bypass – (partial completion)
- Monaro Highway and Kosciuszko Road overtaking lanes and safety improvements
- Ellerton Drive Extension, Queanbeyan (in conjunction with Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council).

1.3 Recently completed projects

- Foxground and Berry Bypass – Toolijooa Road to Schofields Lane, Princes Highway
- Kings Highway Road Safety Works

2 Proposals in Development

2.1 Berry to Bomaderry Upgrade, Princes Highway

Roads and Maritime Services has finalised the detailed design for the project. Contractors have expressed interest to build the highway upgrade and a shortlisting process has taken place. Tenders for construction closed December 2017. A construction contractor is expected to be announced in early 2018 with construction expected to start in the first half of 2018.

The upgrade of the roundabout at Cambewarra and Moss Vale roads to improve traffic flow is now complete. The NSW Government has provided \$19 million in 2017/18 budget.



<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/berry-to-bomaderry/index.html>

2.2 Princes Highway Albion Park Rail Bypass

In the 2017/18 NSW State Budget, \$17.5 million has been committed for ongoing planning for the future upgrade of the Princes Highway between Yallah and Oak Flats.

Tenders have been invited for contractors to build new sporting facilities for the Croom Regional Sporting Complex. Tenders close in January 2018 with work planned to start soon after to allow the bypass to be built through areas previously used by the sporting groups. This early work will enable the community to have access to key sporting facilities.

An environmental impact statement for the project was released for public comment on 28 October 2015. Submissions on EIS for the project closed on 27 November 2015. In response to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a [Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report](#) has been prepared to address all submissions and issues raised during the EIS display. The report also considers consultation and refinements to the proposal since the EIS display.

Planning approval for the project is targeted for early this year with construction on track to start in early 2019.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/illawarra/albion-park-rail-bypass/index.html>

2.3 Princes Highway Nowra Bridge

Following public consultation in late 2014, the NSW Minister for Roads and Freight endorsed an option to replace the existing southbound crossing of the Shoalhaven River immediately to the west of the existing concrete bridge. Ms Ann Sudmalis MP, Member for Gilmore, pledged \$10M to the planning of a new crossing of the Shoalhaven. In the 2017/18 NSW State Budget, \$4.2M has been committed to the project.

In December 2014 Roads and Maritime completed community consultation requesting feedback to help determine the long term future of the old Nowra Bridge. The Nowra Bridge Project Consultation Summary was published in May 2015 and is available on the project website. Planning work is progressing based on the announcement in late 2017 to retain the old bridge.

A preferred option showing the proposed intersection improvements will be put on display for community feedback in the next few months.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/nowra-bridges-shoalhaven-river/index.html>

2.4 M1 Princes Motorway Improvements between Picton Road and Bulli Tops

Roads and Maritime is planning to upgrade the M1 Princes Motorway, by improving the road between Picton Road and Bulli Tops. The proposal will improve safety and provide additional capacity between Picton Road and Bulli Pass.

A review of environmental factors for Stage 1 of the project between Picton Road and Bellambi Creek was exhibited in December 2016 and closed February 2017. Following review of the submissions received a Submissions Report was prepared and put on display in June 2017. Stage 1 is now progressing into detailed design. A strategic assessment for Stage 2 from Bellambi Creek to Bulli Tops has commenced and will be exhibited between Q4 2017 and Q1 2018. The Australian Government and the NSW Government have confirmed a joint funding arrangement as part of the Infrastructure Investment Program.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/illawarra/m1-princes-motorway/picton-road-bulli-tops/index.html>

2.5 M1 Princes Motorway Interchange at Mount Ousley

Roads and Maritime has started planning for an interchange on the M1, at the base of Mount Ousley. The project would replace the existing intersection of the M1 and Mount Ousley Road. A preferred option has been selected, which is compatible with the installation of a future third southbound lane. Feedback on the design will be used to refine the project during the environmental assessment. The design and environmental assessment was on display between 16 November and 15 December 2017. Roads and Maritime Services will review and address each submission received during the display period in a Submissions Report.

The Submissions Report will help to further develop the project and assist in the detailed design. It will be available to the community in early 2018. The NSW Government has allocated \$2.5 million in the 2017/18 budget to continue this planning work.



<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/illawarra/mount-ousley-road/m1-interchange/index.html>

2.6 Batemans Bay Bridge

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to replace Batemans Bay Bridge to improve access to Batemans Bay and surrounding areas, allow access for larger trucks, reduce traffic delays and improve the Kings and Princes Highway intersection.

A preferred option was announced in August 2017. The preferred option proposes to remove the existing bridge. This will provide a reliable access across the Clyde River due to the removal of the lift span and enable access on the Clyde River for river vessels due to the increased height of the new bridge.

Roads and Maritime Services displayed the environmental assessment, including the Review of Environmental Factors and Environmental Impact Statement for the Batemans Bay Bridge project between 8 November and 8 December 2017. Roads and Maritime will review and address each submission received during the display period in a Submissions Report. It will be available to the community in early 2018.



<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/batemans-bay-bridge/index.html>

2.7 Nelligen Bridge, Kings Highway

The Nelligen Bridge project will replace the existing Nelligen Bridge with a new bridge upstream to ensure a safe and reliable crossing on the Clyde River, and to improve road safety and traffic efficiency on the Kings Highway. The NSW Government has provided \$5 million in 2017/18 to finalise development for the project. Roads and Maritime has completed a concept design and environmental assessment.

A detailed design contract has been awarded to Cardno (NSW) Pty Ltd to further progress the project towards construction. Early work to prepare for major construction is expected to start in mid-2018. Construction of the new bridge is anticipated to start in 2019 with the project expected to open to traffic in late 2020.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/kings-highway/nelligen-bridge/index.html>

2.8 Charleyong Bridge replacement

Roads and Maritime, with the involvement of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, continues planning for the installation of a new bridge over the Mongarlowe River, as part of the Bridges for the Bush program, which was allocated \$14.3 million in the 2017/18 budget. Concept design has been completed and detailed design for the road and bridge has been initiated based on community responses and the Submissions Report.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/charleyong-bridge/index.html>



2.9 Lansdowne Bridge

The Australian and NSW Governments are jointly funding the \$18.6 million upgrade and replacement of the bridge at Lansdowne. Lansdowne Bridge was closed permanently to road users in July 2016. There are several alternative detour routes available while the Lansdowne Bridge is closed. The bridge will remain closed until a new replacement bridge is built. The closure is required to ensure the safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Demolition work on the existing bridge is now underway and is expected to be completed in early 2018. Construction of the replacement bridge is expected to start in mid-2018 and be completed by mid-2019.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/lansdowne-bridge/index.html>



3 Projects in Construction

3.1 Monaro Highway and Kosciuszko Road overtaking lanes and safety improvements

The NSW Government has provided \$20 million to build new overtaking lanes and improve safety on Monaro Highway and Kosciuszko Road, including safety barrier installation and shoulder widening. Work started in October 2017 to build an additional westbound lane on Kosciuszko Road, between Barry Way and Alpine Way in Jindabyne. This project is being carried out by Roads and Maritime work crew. Work also commenced in October 2017 to build a 1.5 kilometre westbound overtaking lane on Kosciuszko Road, near Slacks Creek at Coolringdon. This project is being carried out by Snowy Monaro Regional Council on behalf of Roads and Maritime. Both projects are expected to be completed by 2019.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/monaro-highway-kosciuszko-road/index.html>

3.2 Ellerton Drive Extension, Queanbeyan

The NSW Government and Australian Government announced joint funding of \$50 million for the planning and construction of the Ellerton Drive Extension in Queanbeyan in 2013. The works are part of Queanbeyan-Palerang Council's program to provide for future traffic in the city and to provide an alternative route around the CBD. The route would provide flood free access in the event of a 1:100 flood. Roads and Maritime will be providing development and governance oversight to the project. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has approved the environmental assessment for the project.

Roads and Maritime Services has appointed WBHO Infrastructure Pty Ltd to build the Ellerton Drive extension. Major construction work has officially started on the Ellerton Drive extension project. The first sod was turned on 20 November 2017 with representatives at the project site to mark the start of work. It is expected work will be completed in mid-2020, weather permitting.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/ellerton-drive/index.html>

3.3 Princes Highway Dignams Creek

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek, around 20kms south of Narooma. The \$45 million upgrade will improve road safety by widening the current highway for about 800 metres and building a new two kilometre section to current highway standards. It will also include new bridges over Dignams Creek and Dignams Creek Road.

Major construction work is progressing well with motorists now diverted to a new temporary road on the northern end of the project. A reduced speed limit of 60km/h is in place throughout the 800 metre temporary road and motorists are expected to use this route until mid-2018. The upgrade is expected to be completed by mid-2019, weather permitting.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/dignams-creek/index.html>

3.4 MR85 Jingellic to Tumut Road

Roads and Maritime will undertake maintenance works along MR85 patching various sections of failed pavement. These works will focus on the sections of MR85 around Horse Creek, 15-20 km north of the Victorian Border and around Mundaroo Creek, 30km north of the Victorian Border. Roads and Maritime Services will also undertake some slope stability works on MR85 at various slopes south of Tumberumba.

3.5 Princes Highway Burrill Lake Bridge

Roads and Maritime Services is constructing the new Burrill Lake Bridge on the Princes Highway, just south of Ulladulla. Construction of this \$58 million project is expected to be complete by early 2018, weather permitting. The new bridge was opened to traffic in late September 2017 and work has started on the demolition of the former bridge and causeway, completion of the utility relocations and ongoing works on the shared pedestrian paths.

Upcoming work includes completion of roundabouts on the north and south of the new bridge, local road accesses and parking spaces and completion of the southern foreshore park and platform, remaining landscaping works and removal of the site office. Work on the Burrill Lake Bridge project is expected to be complete in April 2018.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/burrill-lake-crossing/index.html>



3.6 Gocup Road Upgrade Program

Roads and Maritime has commenced major works at Doctors Hill and Halfway Hill as part of the \$70 million Gocup Road Upgrade Program. The Doctors Hill and Halfway Hill project was awarded to Ertech Pty Ltd started in October 2017 and are due for completion in June 2019. The project involves building two overtaking lanes, widening and realigning the road, and installing safety barriers and two permanent bus stops along a 5.4 kilometre section of Gocup Road (see link for more information).

A \$3m project to widen and resurface a 5 km section of Gocup Road at the Tumut end near Smarts Road started in January 2018. This project will be complete by mid-year and is being constructed by Snowy Monaro Regional Council

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-western/gocup-road/index.html><http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/burrill-lake-crossing/index.html>



4 Recently completed projects

4.1 Foxground & Berry Bypass – Toolijooa Road to Schofields Lane, Princes Highway

The Foxground and Berry bypass is open to traffic. It is the second stage in the Gerringong to Bomaderry Princes Highway upgrade series of projects. The \$580 million project was fully funded by the NSW State Government. The NSW Government allocated \$35.5 million in the 2017/18 to complete the project. The project bypasses the Foxground bends and the township of Berry, improving road safety and travel times for motorists and reducing traffic congestion within Berry.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/foxground-berry-bypass/index.html>



4.2 Kings Highway Road Safety Improvements

In March 2013, after the release of the Kings Highway Safety Review report, it was announced that the NSW Government would allocate funds for important upgrades aimed at lowering crash and casualty rates on the Kings Highway.

A \$30 million program of works commenced in July 2013. The final and largest project, a major road realignment and new overtaking lane between River Forest Road and Mongarlowe River was completed in October 2017.

Roads and Maritime worked closely with Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council and Eurobodalla Shire Council to develop and deliver the identified upgrades to this road which included clear zone hazard reductions, curve and line marking improvements, shoulder widening, extension of an overtaking lane and construction of vehicle inspection and police enforcement sites. Works to widen shoulders and realign the road were completed in March 2016 on the 500m length of the Highway at Misty Mountain. Safety improvements on the highway from Old Nelligen Road towards Batemans Bay east of Nelligen were completed in August 2016.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/kings-highway/index.html>

5 Corridor Strategy Development

Transport for NSW and the Roads and Maritime Services are progressively preparing corridor strategies for every State road in NSW to create consistency in how the State Road network is managed and planned. Corridor Strategies include priorities for future road maintenance, operation, safety and traffic and are developed to align with the new approach to integrated transport planning. Corridor Strategies set a 20-year vision for the road corridor and will be reviewed every five years or as required.

Corridor strategies will be delivered by a multi-disciplinary team comprised of members from TfNSW and RMS and will include input and feedback from our customers, the community and external stakeholders.

The Princes Highway Corridor Strategy was released in August 2016. The Picton and Appin Roads, Illawarra Highway, and Bulli Pass strategies have been drafted and are currently in the approval process and the first draft of the Hume Highway Corridor Strategy is being prepared.

Initial data collection and analysis has commenced on the Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy and the Nowra-Bomaderry Network Strategy.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/corridor-strategies/index.html>

5.1 RMS priorities for 2017-18

- Hume Highway Corridor Strategy
- Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy
- Nowra-Bomaderry Network Strategy
- Monaro Highway Corridor Strategy

6 Miscellaneous Actions

6.1 Mt Ousley maintenance

Roads and Maritime has initiated a coordinated maintenance program for works on the M1/Mount Ousley/Picton Road portion of the network. The program provides for full night-time closures of parts of the network to allow for a range of coordinated maintenance activities to be undertaken in a safe and efficient manner. Closures are distributed widely to road users including freight stakeholders, and have proven successful to date.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/illawarra/mount-ousley-road/index.html>

