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Heavy vehicles and material hauling update between Broadwater and Pimlico

Roads and Maritime Services, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade.

In May, the project team provided a progress update about material hauling on local roads between Broadwater and Pimlico. Since then, earthwork activities and material haulage from the Gibsons, Jali and Lumleys borrow sites have been completed.

Heavy vehicle movements on the Pacific Highway and local roads will be ongoing while work to build the upgrade continues. The project team is working closely with Ballina Shire Council to identify and manage local road impacts.

Removal of temporary fauna fencing and koala grids on Old Bagotville Road

In early 2017, temporary fauna fencing and koala grids were installed on Old Bagotville Road to minimise impacts to fauna from heavy vehicle movements to and from the Gibsons and Jali borrow sites.

As haulage from the borrow sites is complete and project-related vehicle movements have significantly reduced the temporary fauna fencing and koala grids will be removed. This work on Old Bagotville Road is expected to be carried out from early November 2019 and will take up to four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

External agencies including the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) continue to participate in site visits and meetings to monitor activities and compliance.

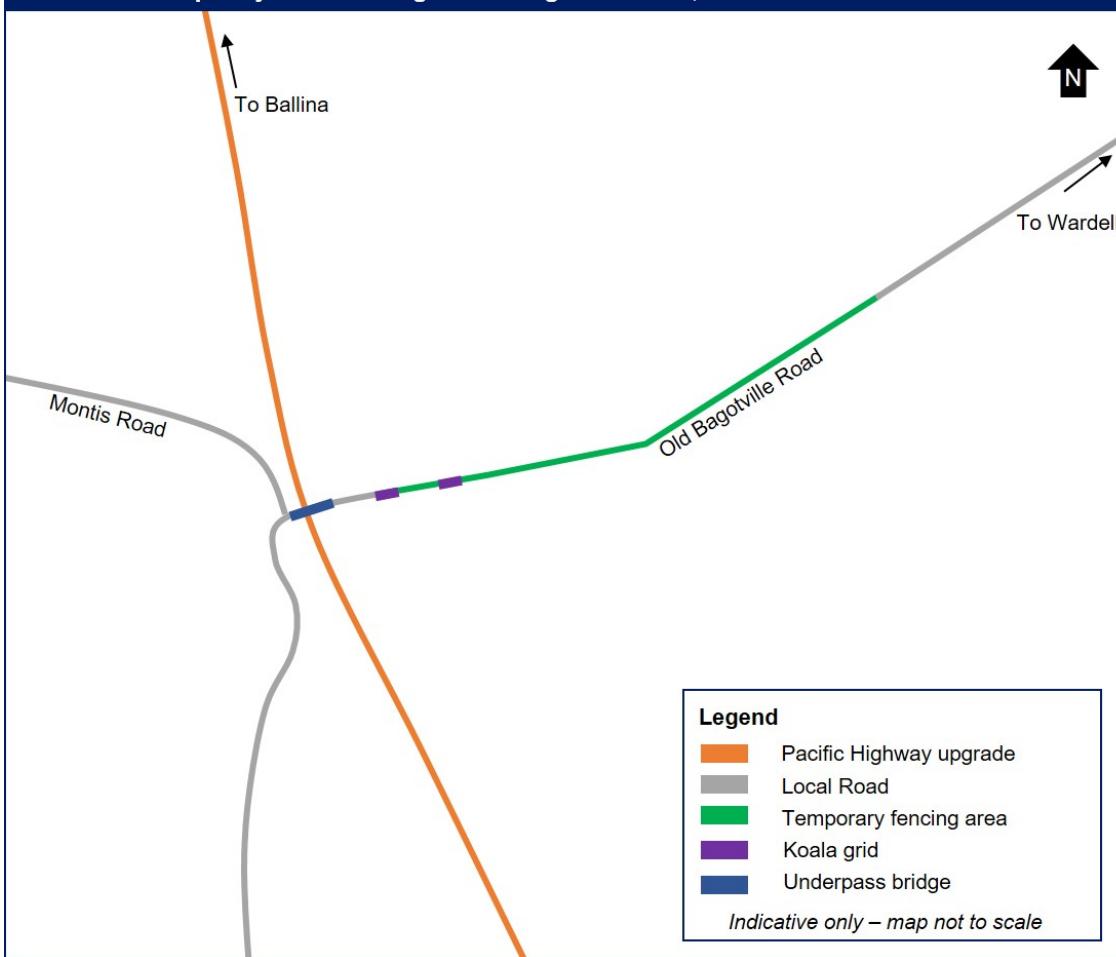
Removal of road work speed limits in Wardell

With haulage activities now complete, the 40km/h reduced speed limit on Carlisle Street, Bath Street and Wardell Road, Wardell will be removed from early November.

Teven stockpile haulage

As part of building the upgrade, the project team will transport material from an existing material stockpile in Teven to the Lumleys temporary batch plant site at Wardell. This work will involve hauling about 65,000 cubic metres of materials using the Pacific Highway, local roads and the new highway alignment. This haulage route will not include Carlisle Street, Bath Street or Wardell Road, Wardell. We will provide more information to the community before this work starts, including details about the haulage route and the timing for the work.

Removal of temporary fauna fencing on Old Bagotville Road, Wardell



Work hours

Typically work will be carried out during the project's approved construction hours, which are:

Approved construction hours

Monday to Friday 7am–6pm



Saturday 8am–5pm

In areas where residents live more than 200 metres from the work, extended work hours are allowed between 6am and 7am and 6pm and 7pm from Monday to Friday. No work will be carried on Sunday or a public holiday.

The project's approved construction hours do not apply to quarry operators and heavy vehicle drivers who are delivering materials for other purposes. This means it is likely vehicles unrelated to the project will be travelling on the Pacific Highway and local roads earlier than 7am and later than 6pm.

In vehicle monitoring systems and professional driver conduct

All members of the project team are expected to behave in a professional manner when operating within our communities.

The project team and contractors working on the upgrade for a period of longer than two weeks have speed monitoring in vehicles (In Vehicle Monitoring Systems – IVMS). These speed monitoring systems are regularly checked to ensure compliance.

We continue to monitor the behaviour of drivers working on the upgrade and have implemented a number of measures including:

- following up on disciplinary actions for individuals with repeated reportable concerns

- providing toolbox refresher talks about driver behaviour and the project's code of conduct

Heavy vehicle drivers operating for private entities (not the upgrade) are not required to adhere to the project's professional driver behaviour standards or use a GPS-based system for compliance.

Traffic changes

To manage queuing and safety, there will be some temporary traffic changes and lane closures that may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. Motorists are encouraged to remember PAC – Plan, Awareness, Caution. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW app.

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