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Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade Maclean to Devils Pulpit - Project update

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New bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood

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

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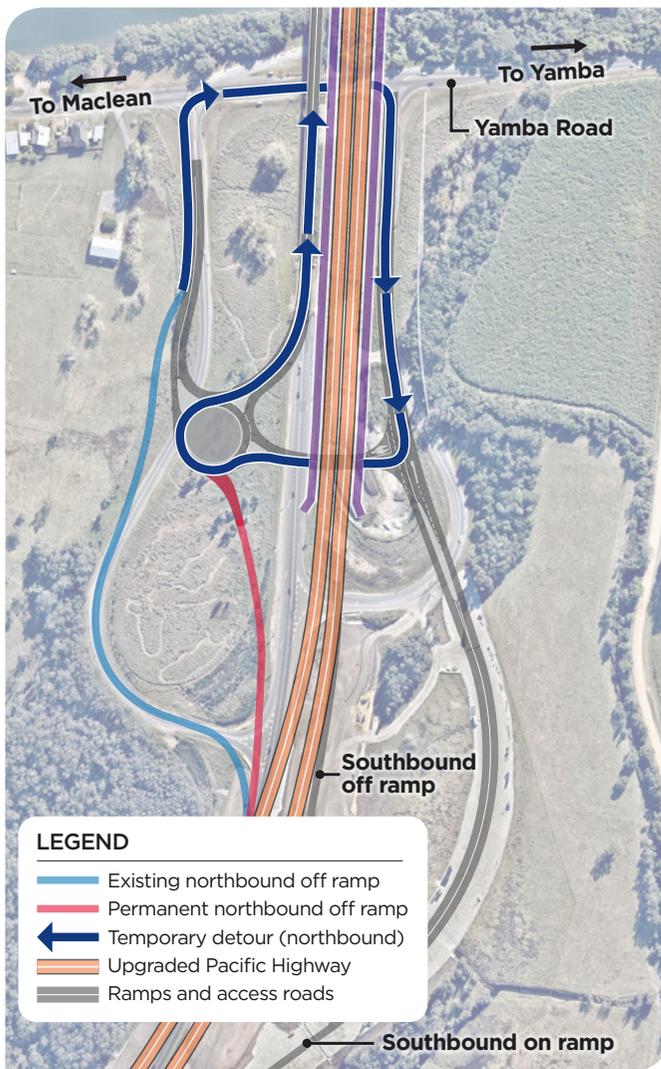
New bridge and interchanges opening to traffic

By early December, the new bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood will be open to traffic. As part of this traffic change, the interchanges at Yamba and Harwood/Watts Lane will also open.

The Harwood/Watts Lane interchange will open in the permanent arrangement. The Yamba interchange will open in two stages.

Stage one: motorists will first use the existing northbound off ramp while a new off ramp is built. In this temporary arrangement, northbound motorists travelling to Harwood will temporarily access the existing bridge via Yamba Road and the new heavy vehicle underpass. This temporary detour will be in place for about two weeks.

Stage two: once complete the permanent northbound off ramp will open to traffic.



Temporary detour for motorists accessing Harwood and northbound on ramp

Accessing the highway

Once the interchanges are open to traffic in the permanent arrangement, motorists will access and exit the highway at a number of new locations.

Yamba interchange

The Yamba interchange will have southbound on and off ramps and a northbound off ramp. These will connect into Yamba Road. If you want to travel north on the new highway from Yamba or Maclean you will need to go over the existing Harwood Bridge and join the new highway via the northbound on ramp at Watts Lane, Harwood.

Heavy vehicles will also start using the new interchange which provides high level access under the new bridge. Height restricted vehicles will no longer need to use the side track on Yamba Road.

Harwood/Watts lane interchange

The Harwood/Watts Lane interchange will have a southbound off ramp and northbound on ramp. To travel south on the new highway from Harwood, you will need to use the existing Harwood bridge and southbound on ramp at the Yamba interchange. Northbound highway traffic travelling to Harwood will exit at the Yamba interchange and use the existing Harwood Bridge.

Please view the inset map to familiarise yourself with the new temporary and permanent highway and local road access points.



Yamba interchange looking south October 2019



Harwood/Watts Lane interchange looking north October 2019

How will the work affect you?

We will be moving traffic onto the new bridge and interchanges at night to minimise traffic impacts and improve safety for motorists and workers.

Before opening the new road, traffic will be stopped for up to 10 minutes on the highway and up to 20 minutes on local roads. Stoppages on local roads will be longer due to the need to prioritise the movement of highway traffic.



Sunrise over the new bridge May 2019

Think PAC – Plan, Awareness, Caution

There will be delays and motorists should avoid travel or seek alternative routes on the night of the traffic change. If you must travel, before driving we ask motorists to remember PAC to help make your journey as safe and efficient as possible.

Plan	On the night we open the interchanges, there will be delays and motorists should avoid travel or seek alternate routes
	Check for traffic updates, visit livetraffic.com , download Live Traffic NSW App or call 132 701
Awareness	Look for electronic message boards located on the Pacific Highway and local roads alerting motorists about work dates and changed traffic conditions
Caution	Traffic controllers will be onsite to direct motorists Please keep to speed limits, ignore GPS, follow signs and traffic controllers' directions

Come and see us:

Have a question or want to talk to a member of the team about accessing the highway? We will be holding two community drop-in sessions:

Thursday 21 November: Maclean Civic Hall, 50 River Street, Maclean - 5pm to 7pm

Monday 25 November: Harwood Island Hall, River Street, Harwood - 5pm to 7pm

There is no formal presentation so please drop in at any time.

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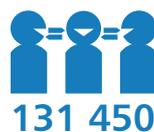
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Interchanges open to traffic



Since construction started in late 2016, we've been working hard to complete the new bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood. We're excited to be opening the bridge and thank the community for its patience over the last three years.

Take a look at some of the great images we've captured of the bridge during construction.



Bridge facts

- About 1.5 kilometres long
- 36 span dual carriageway bridge
- 30 metres high
- 117 marine and land piles
- 35 piers - 13 in the Clarence River and 22 on land
- 144 concrete bridge girders weighing up to 168 tonnes each



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