Transport for NSW

Pacific Highway Upgrade - Achievement report

New bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood open to traffic
As of 31 December, 82 per cent of the Pacific Highway upgrade to four lane divided road has been completed. The remaining sections are all in major construction stages and are on track for completion by the end of 2020.

The new bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood opened to traffic, including the Yamba and Harwood/Watts Lane interchanges. This provides safer, smoother travel for motorists and eliminates the need for highway motorists to stop while the existing Harwood Bridge is raised for maritime users.

* including workers not on site working across the whole Woolgoolga to Ballina project

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The 155 kilometre upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina is the last highway link between Hexham and the Queensland border to be upgraded to four lanes. 26 kilometres opened in 2017, a further eight kilometres opened to traffic in December 2019 and the remaining sections are due to open during 2020.

The project was approved by the NSW Minister for Planning in June 2014 and the Federal Minister for the Environment in August 2014. When complete, the project will provide a four lane divided road from the northern end of the Woolgoolga bypass to the southern end of the Ballina bypass. The project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments. Transport for NSW, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the project.
Overview for November - December 2019

- Opened eight kilometres of dual carriageway
- Southbound traffic has been moved onto the Glenugie overpass bridge and future on-ramp of the Glenugie interchange (south)
- Traffic has been moved onto the new bridge over the Clarence River North Arm at Mororo
- As at the end of December, 240 properties have received at-house noise treatments.

Successes / Achievements for November - December 2019

- Traffic has been moved onto four kilometres of new road between Farlows Flat and Serpentine Channel, including 1.5 kilometres of dual carriageway at reduced speed over the Clarence River at Harwood
- Traffic has been moved onto 6.5 kilometres of dual carriageway between Whytes Lane and West Ballina
- All oversize and overmass deliveries for the project are complete.

Environment

- Monitored onsite impacts of the bushfires including condition of trees, fencing, connectivity structures, erosion and sediment controls and stockpiles.

Stakeholder and community engagement

- A community update focusing on way-finding and interchange functionality for Yamba and Harwood was distributed to more than 10,000 households
- A commemorative community update was distributed to more than 30,000 households to celebrate the completion of the new bridge over Clarence River at Harwood.

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Glenugie to Maclean

Aerial view of Maclean interchange looking south

Southbound traffic moved onto Glenugie overpass bridge

Fauna connectivity structure in Pillar Valley

average number of pieces of machinery on site 240
average number of workers on site 691
average number of wet weather* 691
0 days of wet weather*

about 89% complete
2 contractor companies on site

*Wet weather days – impacts to work vary depending on rainfall event and activities being carried out
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Maclean to Devils Pulpit

Getting ready for traffic change at Serpentine Channel looking south

New bridge over the Clarence River North Arm at Mororo open to traffic looking north

Yamba interchange open to traffic looking towards Maclean

- Woolgoolga
- Glenugie
- Halfway Creek
- Woolgoolga
- Coffs Harbour
- Urunga
- Nambucca Heads
- Lismore
- Broadwater
- Woodburn
- Devils Pulpit
- Maclean
- Woodburn
- Broadwater
- Woolgoolga
- Coffs Harbour
- Urunga
- Nambucca Heads
- Byrong Bay
- Ballina
- Grafton

- Average number of workers on site: 313
- Average number of pieces of machinery on site: 147
- Day of wet weather: 1
- About 87% complete
- 10 contractor companies on site

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Devils Pulpit to Broadwater

- Work continues between Devils Pulpit and New Italy
- Looking south at Broadwater Evans Head Road overpass bridge and work continuing on upgrade
- Work continues at the Woodburn interchange looking towards the western roundabout

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2 days of wet weather

700 average number of workers on site

537 average number of pieces of machinery on site

81% complete

3 contractor companies on site

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Broadwater to Ballina bypass

Work continuing at Coolgardie interchange looking east

Looking south towards Coolgardie

Looking towards Wardell overpass bridge

0 days of wet weather*

145 average number workers on site

61 average number of pieces of machinery on site

93% complete

3 contractor companies on site

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New bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood

Aerial view of the new bridge over Clarence River at Harwood looking west

Looking west at bridge lift of Harwood bridge with traffic on the new bridge

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New bridge over the Richmond River at Broadwater

Aerial view of the new bridge over the Richmond River at Broadwater looking north-west

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