



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

8th February 2005

DSS7 WORKS IN PROGRESS
FILE: R8-2 KJF

SUMMARY:

Reporting on Works in Progress.



ROADS

REGIONAL ROADS

Sealed

Patching and general maintenance is continuing on all the Regional Roads.

Rehabilitation of MR198 (South West Rocks Road) at Benelong Haven is currently underway. This work involved some earthworks, drainage and pavement work prior to Christmas. The site was then temporarily vacated for the summer holiday break. Work has recommenced but has been held up due to the wet weather.

Construction of bus bays on MR 75 (Armidale Road) is currently underway.

LOCAL ROADS

Sealed Rural/Local

Pavement maintenance work on the sealed road network is continuing.

Gladstone Street, from Forth to Belgrave Street in Kempsey has undergone rehabilitation works. This work involved the replacement of the kerb and gutter as well as replacement of the pavement. The sealing of this work was completed during January.

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Sea Street, Dangar to Short, rehabilitation works has commenced. The work involves the rehabilitation of the pavement is expected to be expected to be completed prior to March.

UNSEALED RURAL

Gravel Resheeting

Mungay Creek Road is due to be resheeted during February 2005.
Nagles Falls Road is due to be resheeted during March 2005.
Willi Willi Road (1.2klms from Tait's Bridge) is due to be resheeted during March 2005.

Pipers Creek Road is due to be resheeted during April 2005.
Toms Gully Road is due to be resheeted during April/May 2005.
Warbro Brook Road is due to be resheeted during May/June 2005.
Toorumbie Creek Road is due to be resheeted during June 2005.
Mines Road is due to be resheeted during June 2005.
Dungay Creek Road is due to be resheeted during June 2005.

Maintenance Grading

The "Shire East" roads maintenance crew is currently in the Kundabung Area (Area E7). The crew will move to the East Kempsey-Belmore Area (Area E1) upon completion of area E7.

Roads graded during the past month;

Upper Smiths Creek Road	Wharf Road
Mingaletta Road	Smiths Creek Road

The "Shire West" roads maintenance crew is currently in the Mungay Creek Area (Area West 6). The crew will move to the Millbank Area (Area W7) upon completion of area W6.

Roads graded during the past month;

Turners Flat Road	Private Works Jobs
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TOWN AND VILLAGE STREETS

Kempsey Town Improvement

No further TI work is scheduled for 2005.

Crescent Head Town Improvement

Drainage work, kerb and gutter, and road works are scheduled for Korogora Street, East to Scott Street. This work is due to commence early in February 2005.

South West Rocks Town Improvement

The Memorial Avenue area is currently undergoing improvement works under the RTA 40km/h High Pedestrian Usage Program. This work will involve the installation of blisters, median islands and footpaving to accommodate a more pedestrian friendly environment.

In Gregory Street the retaining wall has been completed, drainage and kerb and gutter work is complete, fencing has been erected, foot paving is complete and the roadwork is complete except for the removal of a stay pole by CountryEnergy and then sealing.

Frederickton Town Improvement

No TI work is scheduled for 2005.

Stuarts Point Town Improvement

No TI work is scheduled for 2005.

Pedestrian Access Mobilisation Plan (PAMP)

PAMP work is scheduled in North Street in March 2005.

PAMP work is scheduled in Sea/Marsh Street in April 2005.

FLOOD MITIGATION

General maintenance and repair of the floodgates on Kinchela Creek and Belmore River flood structures is continuing.

The Christmas Creek Flood Structure is scheduled for concrete maintenance works in March/April 2005. This work involves the dewatering of the site; the grit blasting of the concrete structure; replacement of steel where needed; and the repairing of concrete surfaces. The floodgates will be renovated at the same time.

BRIDGES / STRUCTURES

Specific Maintenance

Work has commenced on the reconstruction of Johnson's Bridge on Collombatti Road. The work involves the replacement of piles, wales, corbels, girders and deck. The work is expected to be completed by the end of February.

HORTICULTURE

Coastal Weeds Rehabilitation Project

Grant funding being sought to continue this program in the next financial year.

Upper Macleay Riparian Weeds Project

Stage 2 is now underway on this very important project - to continue with the eradication of regrowth of the problem riparian weeds that have so much impact on these important areas. The main weeds being targeted are Madeira Vine and Cats Claw Creeper.

Sporting Facilities

Meetings are being arranged with the Macleay Valley Cricket Association, Rangers Soccer Club and the Kempsey Junior Rugby League to complete the review of 355 committees.

Parks

Planning for the Restoration work and landscaping to the Crescent Head beachfront is well underway and is intended to commence in February 2005.

Horseshoe Bay

Stage 1 of the redevelopment of the reserve to commence in February 2005. Access steps to the beach on the western end are at the design stage. Any remaining funds in this financial year will be allocated to re-vegetating the beachfront area.

Furniture and lighting options currently being reviewed.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

- Roadside and private property inspections are still being carried out for Noxious Weeds, especially Parramatta Grass, to establish future spraying control programs.
- Extensive control programs are underway for spraying of Giant Parramatta Grass with Taskforce on Roadsides and reserves.
- Several new infestations of Groundsel Bush and Giant Parramatta Grass have been identified and have been added to control programs and letters sent to private property owners.
- Control measures still being carried out in Crescent Head, Gladstone, Smithtown, South West Rocks, Hat Head, Frederickton, Willawarrin and Bellbrook for Urban Giant Parramatta Grass spraying with Taskforce.
- Weeds Officer has been working on weed presentations for groups and Council for awareness for Noxious and Environmental weeds in the shire.

- Inspections being carried out for Salvinia, Giant Parramatta Grass, Groundsel Bush, Water Hyacinth, Red Lantana, Blackberry, Riparian Vine Weeds.

BUILDING SERVICES

Work completed last 4 weeks

- Ongoing maintenance to amenities.
- Aged Care Units: miscellaneous repairs.
- KAP building New Office – On going
- Manager Fleet/Depot/Stores – Office alterations.

Work proposed next 4 weeks

- Works Depot: Maintenance to gutters and down pipes (continuing).
- Crescent Head: Repair ordinance fencing to Comara and Noongah Terrace (continuing).
- Works Depot: Slab and Skillion for Parks and Gardens Shed.
- Gladstone Hall: Extensions for gallery (continuing).
- Kempsey Pool: Restoration of grassed areas (continuing).
- Hat Head: Repairs to beach observation deck.
- Macleay Water: Aldavilla House, repair and maintenance.
- Lot98 Akubra Place: commence alterations to accommodate separate tenancy agreements.

WATER SUPPLY

Normal operation and maintenance of Water Supply Pumping Stations and Treatment Plants continues.

Works Proposed for next 4 weeks

1. Install meters on all bore pumps - continuing.
2. Monitoring and testing of dam - continuing. Dam off due to algal bloom.
3. Sherwood Production Meter replacement - continuing.
4. Stuarts Point Sludge Trial / Removal - continuing.

5. Meter Replacement Program - continuing.
6. Crescent Head Water Treatment Plant fencing and upgrade - continuing.
7. Tozer Street watermain – continuing.

MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION

	January 2004 Kilolitres
Kempsey Dam	26,486
Belgrave Falls	0
Bellbrook	1,511
Crescent Head	28,570
Hat Head	10,248
Sherwood - Lime Plant	285,404
South West Rocks	77,747
Stuarts Point	20,820
Willawarrin	2,039
Total Consumption	452,825

Kilolitres to Financial Year to Date: 2,213,976kl

Applications for connection in January - 6

SEWERAGE

Normal operation and maintenance of sewage treatment plants and pumping stations continues.

Works Completed last 4 weeks

1. Repairs to sewer defects Sullivan Street, East Kempsey – completed.

Works Proposed for next 4 weeks

1. Sewerage Pump Stations Fall Prevention Systems - manufacture and install - continuing.
2. South West Rocks sewer rehabilitation - continuing.
3. Fence repairs, sewer installations and pump stations - continuing.
4. Infiltration repairs East and South Kempsey continuing.
5. Manhole Repair / Renewal Program SWR R1 and R2 catchment - continuing.

6. West Kempsey Sewerage Treatment Works - Sludge Trial - continuing.
7. Repairs to sewer defects Bissett Street, East Kempsey – continuing.
8. Defect notices to property owners, Catchment K6, West Kempsey - continuing.
9. Handrails sludge lagoons - South West Rocks and South Kempsey - continuing.
10. De-sludge lagoon, South West Rocks – continuing.

WASTE SERVICES

Works Completed during last 4 weeks

1. Christmas/New Year operation and maintenance. Full use of vehicles and staff for all additional collections.
2. December MidWaste meeting held at Hastings Council.
3. Completion of New Cell at KWR&DF

Works proposed for next 4 weeks

1. Normal Operation and Maintenance.
2. February MidWaste Meeting at Coffs Harbour City Council.
3. Relocation of recycling bins at Crescent Head, South West Rocks and Stuarts Point.
4. Investigation into Certificate III Asset Maintenance for Staff

BATHS

Works completed during last 4 weeks

1. Normal operation and maintenance
2. Removal of Temporary Fencing
3. Continued EPA Backwash Works at SWR, Gladstone and Crescent Head
4. Development of New Lease Agreements for Gladstone and South West Rocks commencing 2005/2006 season
5. Development of Gym Lease for Kempsey Pool

Work proposed for next 4 weeks

1. Advertisement for Leases of Gladstone and SWR
2. Normal Operation and Maintenance
3. Continued EPA Backwash Works at SWR, Gladstone and Crescent Head

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

As per report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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