

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

8th March 2005

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| DSS13 | WORKS IN PROGRESS FILE: R8-2 |
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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 almost complete. This work involved some earthworks, drainage and pavement as well as the realignment of a corner.

Construction of bus bays on MR 75 (Armidale Road) has been completed.

MR75 Armidale Rd is to undergo realignment at Turners Flat. The work involves earthworks, drainage and pavement of the black spot section immediately west of the Turners Flat Rd intersection. This major upgrade is to commence in early April.

LOCAL ROADS

Sealed Rural/Local

Pavement maintenance work on the sealed road network is continuing.

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

Sherwood Rd is to undergo realignment and rehabilitations works as part of the Roads to Recovery program. The works, west of the Link

Rd intersection, will involve flattening of batters, smoothing of a curve and general rehabilitation of the road.

UNSEALED RURAL

Gravel Resheeting

Mungay Creek Road is due to be resheeted during March 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 April 2005.
Pipers Creek Road was resheeted in February 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 currently being resheeted and should be completed by mid March 2005.
Dungay Creek Road is currently being resheeted and should be completed by mid March 2005.

Maintenance Grading

The "Shire East" roads maintenance crew is currently in the East Kempsey-Belmore Area (Area E1). The crew will move to the South West Rocks Area (Area E2) upon completion of area E1. The team deviated from their normal cycle to accommodate roads in a poor state and as such is slightly behind schedule.

Roads graded during the past month;

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| Old Coast Road | Winstead Road |
| Kemps Road | Wharf Road |
| Dark Water Street | Kinchela Creek Left Bank |
| Kinchela Creek right Bank | Fairweathers Lane |
| Austral Eden Inner Rd | |

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;

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| Mines Road | Dennis Road |
| Mungay Flat Road | Anembo Road |
| Lawrences Road | Corrangula Road |
| Jacks Crossing | Maineys Rd |
| Mooneba Road | |

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 currently in progress for Korogora Street, East to Scott Street. This work is due to be completed in early April 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.

Hat Head Town Improvement

The footpath/cycleway is currently being extended in Hat Head to the limit of available funds. Thereafter drainage works will commence in the Fern/Straight Street Area.

Stuarts Point Town Improvement

No TI work is scheduled for 2005.

Pedestrian Access Mobilisation Plan (PAMP)

PAMP work is scheduled in North Street in May 2005.

PAMP work is scheduled in Sea/Marsh Street in May 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 April/May 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 been completed on the reconstruction of Johnson's Bridge on Collombatti Road. The work involved the replacement of piles, wales, corbels, girders and deck.

McIntyres Bridge on Nulla Nulla Rd is to undergo specific maintenance and this work is to commence mid March.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Coastal Weeds Rehabilitation Project

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

Upper Macleay Riparian Weeds Project

Funding is being sort for 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.

Bookings are now being taken for the winter season and planning for the change over from summer to winter sports.

Any alterations to field arrangements and sizes are being planned in consultation with Open Space and Recreation and user groups.

Parks

Planning for the Restoration work and landscaping to the Crescent Head beachfront is well underway and is intended to commence in March 2005. A design is drawn up for this project with priority areas being initiated at the start of March.

Horseshoe Bay

Planning of Stage 1 of the redevelopment of the reserve to commence in March 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

1. Kempsey Shire Council is planning for identification and control programs of Environmental Weeds, including Camphor Laurel, Large and Small Leaf Privet, Ochna, Cats Claw Creeper, Madeira Vine, Mother of Millions and Khaki Weed.
2. Noxious Weed Roadside and private property inspections are currently undertaken mainly targeting Parramatta Grass and Groundsel Bush.
3. Letters have been sent out to landowners for new infestations of Salvinia, Giant Parramatta Grass and Groundsel Bush identified on their property.
4. Giant Parramatta Grass control with Taskforce on roadsides and reserves is now completed, with a few areas being treated with Roundup to complete the control program.
5. Council has received several phone calls relating to Weed Articles that have been published in the Town and Country Newspaper by Mid North Coast Weeds Advisory Committee. Many ratepayers have been enquiring about weeds and brochures available for identifying weeds.
6. Kempsey Shire Council provided \$10,000 this financial year for GPG control in urban areas with these control programs now complete. The following areas were treated: Kempsey, Crescent Head, Gladstone, Hat Head, Smithtown, Frederickton, South West Rocks, Stuarts Point, Willawarren, Bellbrook.
7. Bush Regeneration at Middle Head completed for this financial year. The amounts of Bitou and other weeds have been reduced with *Acacia longifolia* var *solphorea* now thriving.
8. Groundsel Bush inspections were undertaken with National Parks (Cath Ireland and Mike Dodkin) at Stuarts Point, Clybucca and South West Rocks areas. A very large infestation was identified in National Parks in Clybucca. In this infestation it was found that there is previous damage to Groundsel Bush with a Tip and/or Stem Borer.
9. Weeds Officer has been preparing a weed presentation for groups to raise awareness for Noxious and Environmental weeds in the Kempsey Shire.
10. Inspections being carried out for Salvinia, Giant Parramatta Grass, Groundsel Bush, Water Hyacinth, Red

Lantana, Blackberry, Riparian Vine Weeds and Mother Of Millions as well as other Noxious Weeds.

11. Weed Calendars have been an excellent tool to promote weeds awareness and have been in great demand by customers.

BUILDING SERVICES

Work completed last 4 weeks

- Ongoing maintenance to amenities.
- Aged Care Units: miscellaneous repairs.
- Kempsey Pool: Restoration of grassed area.
- Hat Head: Make safe beach observation deck.
- Macleay Water, Aldavilla House: External repairs and painting.
- Crescent Head: Repair ordinance fencing to Comara and Noongah Terrace.

Work proposed next 4 weeks

- Works Depot: Maintenance to gutters and down pipes (deferred pending funding).
- Works Depot: Slab and Skillion for Open Space & Recreation Shed.
- Gladstone Hall: Extensions for gallery (continuing).
- Lot 98 Akubra Place: commence alterations to accommodate separate tenancy agreements.
- KAP HQ Tozer Street: Internal improvements.
- Macleay Valley Community Care Centre: Construct timber deck and fire escape.

WATER SUPPLY

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

Works Completed last 4 weeks

1. Crescent Head Water Treatment Plant fencing and upgrade - continuing.

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. Tozer Street water main – continuing.

MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION

| | February 2005 Kilolitres |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Kempsey Dam | 0 |
| Belgrave Falls | 0 |
| Bellbrook | 1 116 |
| Crescent Head | 17 372 |
| Hat Head | 2 498 |
| Sherwood - Lime Plant | 249 605 |
| South West Rocks | 53 789 |
| Stuarts Point | 14 014 |
| Willawarrin | 796 |
| Total Consumption | 339 190 |

Kilolitres to Financial Year to Date: 2 553 166kl

Applications for connection in February - 12

SEWERAGE

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

Works Completed last 4 weeks

1. Handrails sludge lagoons - South West Rocks and South Kempsey - continuing.

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. SWR R3 catchment to commence.
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. De-sludge lagoon, South West Rocks – continuing.
10. Commence sewer rehab K6 catchment.

WASTE SERVICES

Works Completed during last 4 weeks

1. Relocation of Crescent Head Recycling Station to more appropriate location.
2. February MidWaste meeting held at Coffs Harbour City Council.
3. Tenderers Meeting for Recyclable Processing Contract at Cairncross.
4. Ongoing Construction of landfill Cell.

Works proposed for next 4 weeks

1. Normal Operation and Maintenance.
2. March MidWaste Meeting at Hastings Council.
3. Clean Up Australia Day (March 6)

BATHS

Works completed during last 4 weeks

1. Normal operation and maintenance
2. Continued EPA Backwash Works at SWR, Gladstone and Crescent Head.

3. Investigations into incident at McElhone Memorial Pool

Work proposed for next 4 weeks

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

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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