

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING REPORT

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DE10 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 325m of road on MR75 (Armidale Road) has commenced. The location of this work is immediately west of the Nook Creek Bridge.

Black Spot remedial works on MR198 (South West Rocks) involving realignment and rehabilitation of some sections of MR198 in the Austral Eden area, is anticipated to commence in late May.

Raising of a couple of sections of MR198 – South West Rocks Road has been completed as part of the flood mitigation program.

The rehabilitation of a section of Crescent Head Road has commenced. The work will involve the rehabilitation of 1.35km of road approximately 12.5km from the Pacific Highway intersection. It is anticipated that this work will take 6 weeks to complete.

MR198 SWR Rd at Benelong Haven is scheduled for rehabilitation works. This work will commence in June 2004.

LOCAL ROADS

Sealed Rural

Pavement maintenance work on the sealed road network is continuing.

Second lane will receive some remedial treatment in conjunction with the construction of boom gates at the railway crossing. This work will be completed once the Rail Infrastructure Corporation has finished their work. This is anticipated to commence in early May.

UNSEALED RURAL

Gravel Resheeting

Only Hickeys Creek road remains unfinished on the gravel resheeting program and this work is scheduled for May 2004.

Maintenance Grading

The "Shire East" roads maintenance crew is currently finishing in the Crescent Head Area (Area East 8) and then moving to the East Kempsey/Belmore Area (Area East 1).

Roads graded the during this month;

Point Plomer Road

The "Shire West" roads maintenance crew is currently busy with maintenance grading in the Five Day Area (Area West 2).

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Toose Road

Five Day Creek Road

The "Shire West" crew will thereafter continue with Gravel Resheeting of Hickeys Creek Road.

TOWN AND VILLAGE STREETS

Kempsey MasterPlan

The RSL Club Carpark/York Lane intersection works have been completed. Country Energy is to install lights to finalise this project and this work will commence in March 2004 and should be finalised by end of May 2004.

The Belgrave Street master plan works has been postponed pending a number of alternative designs.

Kempsey Town Improvement

Gladstone Street in Kempsey is scheduled to undergo rehabilitation works in early June. This work will involve replacement of the broken kerb and gutter on the eastern side and rehabilitation of the road. This project is part of the Roads to Recovery program.

Hat Head Town Improvement

Stage 2 of the drainage works around the intersection of Fern and Straight Streets has commenced. It is anticipated the works will be completed by mid May.

Crescent Head Town Improvement

Drainage works is scheduled for Korogora Street and this work will commence by mid May.

South West Rocks Town Improvement

Paragon Avenue is currently receiving kerb and gutter as well as footpaving on the northern side in front of the new development and the two houses immediately to the east. This will complete the kerb and gutter on the northern side of Paragon.

Smithtown Town Improvement

Belmore Street in Smithtown is currently receiving kerb and gutter between Verge and Jeffery streets. The work is scheduled to finish by mid May.

Stuarts Point Town Improvement

Kerb and Gutter works is scheduled to commence in early June in Ocean Ave. The kerb and gutter will join the existing kerb on the eastern side and be constructed on both sides of Ocean Ave heading west.

South West Rocks MasterPlan

The kerb and gutter and associated works at the Paragon/Memorial Avenue intersection, in line with the MasterPlan, Stage two, has been completed and included traffic islands and foot paving around the Paragon/Memorial Avenue Street area. Only a small island in Memorial Ave remains to be completed as part of this project.

Further work under this program involving footpath on the northern side of Livingstone Street adjacent to the new retaining wall between the caravan park and the road has been completed and the fencing installed.

Roads to Recovery projects

Ocean Avenue in Stuarts Point will receive some attention shortly with kerb and gutter and road works to commence in June 2004.

Mitchell Street (McIntyre to Pacific Streets) in South West Rocks is currently receiving kerb and gutter and the road will be widened and reformed. This work will be completed by mid May 2004.

Construction works of the new intersection of Gowings Hill Road and Marys Bay Road is currently underway. However, work has temporarily been suspended to allow the fill to settle. As part of this project, the remaining gravel section of Marys Bay Road will be sealed with funding from Section 94 Contributions.

Pedestrian Access Mobilisation Plan (PAMP)

PAMP work will commence in early June in Belgrave Street, Marsh Street (Kempsey) and Gregory Street, SWR. The work will involve blisters and pedestrian refuge islands to accommodate pedestrians at these very busy locations.

FLOOD MITIGATION

General maintenance and repair of the floodgates on Kinchela Creek and Belmore River flood structures is continuing. The concrete maintenance repair work on the Belmore Head works structure has currently been completed.

BRIDGES / STRUCTURES

Specific Maintenance

Specific maintenance on Fullers Creek Bridge (Nook Creek Road) is to commence in May. This bridge is the last on the specific maintenance program.

A new bridge will be constructed at McCoys Creek where the road is currently being serviced by a causeway. This project will commence in late May and is scheduled for completion by the end of June.

HORTICULTURE

Coastal Weeds Rehabilitation Project

Continuing. Gloriosa Lilly sprayed at South West Rocks and Hat Head.

Pioneer has confirmed \$10,000 worth of funding towards the control of coastal weeds. The preferred site for the use of the funding is the dunal area of Goolawah Lagoon, as a follow up to aerial spraying completed last winter. An allocation has also been set aside to carry out initial fauna and flora studies in recently gazetted sections of the reserve.

Upper Macleay Riparian Weeds Project

Chemcert training currently being organized for Bellbrook CDEP workers so that the initial eradication stage of the programme can commence.

Plans of Management

Horseshoe Bay Plan of Management – Revised draft submitted top Council for comment.

Plan for Verge Street Ovals continuing – Clare Mathieson currently liaising with User Group. Draft plan to be completed by the end of June, 2004.

Tree Planting and Maintenance

Tree planting in Gregory Street, South West Rocks, delayed due to sports fields change over. Residents have been letterboxed in regards to the project and planting will be completed in May 2004.

Playground

Playground equipment has been delivered for installation at South West Rocks and Kundabung.

Sporting Facilities

Greg Williams liaising with Ron Kemsley in regards to the DA for the construction of sporting fields at Boyters Lane.

A review of sports fields usage for the current Winter season is under way. A report will be presented to the next meeting of the Macleay Valley Sports Council for comment before being presented to Council.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Weed Control Spraying carried out at:

- Smithtown
- New Entrance Road, South West Rocks
- Plummers Lane
- South West Rocks Road

Private property inspections carried out at

- Stuart's Point
- South West Rocks
- South Kempsey
- Yarravel
- Bruces Lane, Kempsey.

BUILDING SERVICES

Work completed last 4 weeks

- Ongoing maintenance to amenities.
- Aged Care Units – miscellaneous repairs.
- Works Depot - EPA – Pavement Works – Work 100% complete.
- Belgrave Street Exeloo – Install 25mm water supply – complete.

Work proposed next 4 weeks

- Works Depot - Maintenance to gutters and down pipes – to be outsourced
 - Upgrade Locker Room/Shower (continuing)
 - Alteration to workshop to improve ventilation and access – continuing
 - Relocate Stores Compound – demolish Loading Dock.
- Hat Head water treatment: Replace glass blocks with aluminium windows.
- Clyde Street Mall – Preliminary Site works to Baby Care Facility.
- Frederickton Cemetery – Site works and installation of modular toilet and gazebos – continuing.
- Timber Bollards – Manufacture a total of 100 (continuing).
- Gladstone Treatment Works – replace doors.

- SWR Horseshoe Bay Amenities – commence refurbishment.
- Works Depot – construct vehicle ramps to wash bay.

Implications:

There are no financial, policy or statutory implications from the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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