

Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

December 2008 update

Stage one construction

The first stage of the \$80 million upgrade of Main Road 92, comprising the 24 kilometre section from Hames Road westerly to Morton National Park, has been open to traffic since May 2007 and the final bitumen seal of this section was completed in March this year.

Stage two construction

A \$22.5 million contract for the second stage of the upgrade, comprising the nine kilometre section from 44 kilometres west of Hames Road (near the Touga Road junction just east of the Bulee mountain area at Billy's Hill) to the village of Nerriga, was awarded to Nace Civil Engineering Pty Ltd in July 2007.

This stage includes major improvements, widening, realigning and sealing to the existing steep and narrow section from Bulee Gap to the Endrick River. The major earthworks and drainage structures are progressing well and traffic is being progressively switched onto the new alignment. A 1km length of new pavement was sealed in December 2008 near Billy's Hill.

The fauna underpass east of Endrick River Bridge and several of the retaining walls are complete. Three spans of the concrete bridge deck of the new 60 metre, four span Bulee Bridge have now been poured.

The RTA is planning to close Main Road 92 in mid February near Bulee Gap between Endrick River and Touga Road. This essential closure is required to construct retaining walls on the steep and narrow western approach to the new Bulee Bridge site. The RTA is consulting with residents, business operators, emergency service providers and regular road users concerning the proposed closure. The closure will be widely advertised with extensive signposting to inform stakeholders of the closure. For enquiries regarding the road closure, please contact the NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd site engineer, Clinton Woods on 0412 490 602.

The 5km section from the Endrick River to Nerriga village is well advanced and 2.5km of bitumen sealing was completed this month.

Construction of Stage 2 is expected to be completed in mid 2009.

The construction site will close down over Christmas from 19 December 2008 to 5 January 2009.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to construction activities for this stage, please call the site engineer, Clinton Woods on **0412 490 602**, or the project supervisor, Bob Meins on **0412 464 866**.

Stage three construction tendering

Tenders for upgrading and sealing the remaining 20 kilometre section from Tianjara to Billy's Hill closed on 27 August and are presently being assessed.

Changes to road conditions

Motorists are advised to drive carefully throughout the construction area and also on the remaining section of gravel road as the road conditions are variable. Particular care should be taken in wet weather as the unsealed sections of the road can be slippery and suitable only for 4WD vehicles.

For current road conditions visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports