

Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

May 2007 update

Stage one construction progress

The construction contractor, Cut and Fill Pty Ltd is continuing the first stage of the \$80 million upgrade to Main Road 92, between Nowra and Nerriga, which is expected to be completed this month, weather permitting.

This \$15 million stage that began in April 2006, involved pavement widening and strengthening, and sealing of the existing 24km gravel section from Hames Road to Morton National Park. All earthworks are now complete and pavement construction is nearing completion. Before Easter 2007 the reconstructed Turpentine Road junction was in use and by the end of April a total of 21 km was sealed.

The junction with Turpentine Road has been re-aligned and 4kms of winding road at Georges Yard – 18km west of Hames Road has been significantly improved.

Motorists are advised to drive carefully as the construction work is incomplete and the condition of the road varies. Particular care should be taken in wet weather as unsealed sections of the road could become slippery.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to stage one construction activities please call the site engineer, Ganesh Arunachalam on **0408 351 595**, or the project supervisor, Tony Ballard on **0409 945 361**.

Other works in progress

The next phase in the MR92 Upgrade has begun with the invitation of tenders for stage two. The second stage of the project involves the upgrade of 9km of the route, 44km west of Hames Road Nowra to 53km at Nerriga and the construction of a new bridge near Bulee Gap.

The new Bulee Bridge will be a 60 metre long, four span concrete structure with 15 metre concrete planks supported by twin column piers. The work will also involve building several high retaining walls along the steeply graded Bulee Mountain section. Near the Endrick River a large fauna underpass has been designed to allow koalas and other wildlife to cross the road safely.

The relocation of the Telstra optic fibre communications cable was commissioned in early May. Protection work for the existing local network in the Sassafras and Nerriga areas has commenced and pre-construction works to protect the Eastern Gas Pipeline at road crossings is continuing in the Sassafras area through to Tianjara.

Changes to road conditions

Motorists should expect changed road conditions and anticipate short delays during the hours of construction. Standard hours of construction are **Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm, and Saturday 8am to 1pm**.

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