

Bray Street to Arthur Street



LENGTH: 0.8 KILOMETRES **COST:** \$27MILLION **OPEN TO TRAFFIC:** 2000

The Pacific Highway Upgrade Program is one of the largest infrastructure projects in NSW history. From Hexham to the Queensland border, the program has brought major improvements to road conditions and travel times.

The upgrade removed a bottleneck at the northern end of the Coffs Harbour central business district. This section had a narrow railway bridge, poor road surface and paths for bike riders and pedestrians.

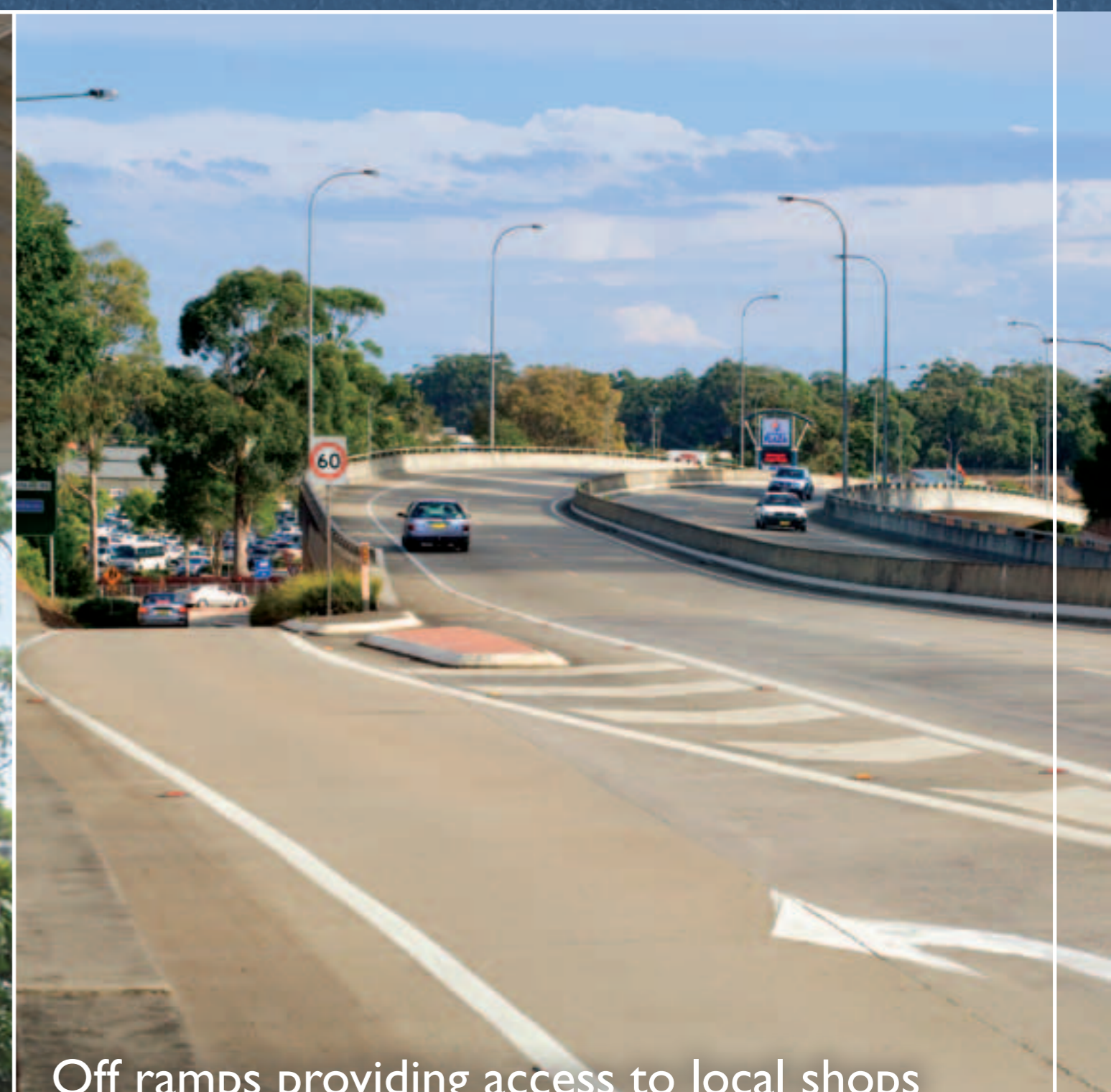
The upgrade included a 41.8 metre twin bridge overpass at Arthur Street and a 72.2 metre North Coast Rail bridge. The rail bridge has a 48.3 metre steel arch and is the longest fully welded steel arch in New South Wales.

The upgrade is in an urban area. To reduce the impact on the environment, the first rock-ramp fishway in NSW was built. The 6.5 metre stream-like ramp of pools and falls was designed to help fish and other water animals move freely around local waterways.

Since the opening of the upgrade, there have been fewer accidents and better traffic flows for the 40,000 vehicles that use this section of the Pacific Highway each day.



Overpass at Arthur Street



Off ramps providing access to local shops



The North Coast Railway Bridge features the longest fully-welded steel arch in NSW. The pond ensures that aquatic life can move freely around local waterways.