

Transport for NSW

Lismore Bangalow Road

Community update



Upgrade of Lismore Bangalow Road at Clunes looking east

Lismore Bangalow Road is a two-lane, undivided rural road about 33 kilometres in length. The corridor is located in the Northern Rivers region and connects the Bruxner Highway at Lismore to the Pacific Highway at Ewingsdale. It serves as a general access route between Lismore and Bangalow, with further connections to Byron Bay. Since the opening of the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale section of the Pacific Highway upgrade, the road now extends from Lismore to Ewingsdale.

Lismore Bangalow Road improvements

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Building an overtaking lane between Eureka and Springvale roads



Improving road alignment and overtaking opportunities



Lismore Bangalow Road improvements

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is working to improve safety and reduce travel times along Lismore Bangalow Road. This work is being funded from a range of NSW Government programs, including the Safer Roads Program. The Safer Roads Program funds the installation of proven safety treatments on the existing NSW road network to deliver long-term reductions in road trauma. The need for some of this work was identified in the Lismore Bangalow Road Corridor Strategy. During the next two years we have a number of projects planned to improve this important corridor.

The work will include:

- Improvements to road safety to address existing and emerging crash locations
- Widening shoulders and improving lane width
- Improving road alignment and overtaking opportunities
- Improvements to strengthen pavement on the road.



Road rebuilding near Bexhill

The NSW Government has provided \$8 million to improve a section of Lismore Bangalow Road between Bexhill and Clunes. Work has now been completed on this three kilometre section of road east of Bexhill.

The work involved rebuilding the road, shoulder widening, drainage improvements and installing additional safety barriers to improve road safety.



James Gibson Road to Kirklands Lane

The NSW Government has also \$11 million to improve a section of Lismore Bangalow Road east of Clunes. This project is being carried out in two stages.

Stage one

Work to resurface the road, widen road shoulders and improve the alignment on a two kilometre section of road between James Gibson and Eureka roads has been completed as part of stage one.

Stage two

Stage two of the project involves resurfacing the road, widening road shoulders and building a new 800-metre overtaking lane between Eureka Road and Kirklands Lane.

Consultation was carried out with key stakeholders earlier this year. A number of changes to the proposed works were made as a result of consultation with key stakeholders earlier this year.

Accessing Kirklands Lane from the south will be via Stewarts Road intersection and a new local access road. This will provide safer right turn movements by using a sheltered right turn bay into Stewarts Road.

Once complete, motorists heading north from Clunes wishing to access Kirklands Lane will need to turn right at the Stewarts Road intersection and left onto the local access road.



Upgrade of Lismore Bangalow Road, looking east



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Road rebuilding near Bexhill



Work has been completed on a three kilometre section of Lismore Bangalow Road east of Bexhill

James Gibson Road to Kirklands Lane - Stage one and two



Map showing the location of work to the east of Clunes on Lismore Bangalow Road



Wisons Creek Bridge

Vegetation clearing and work to improve the stability of bridge abutments has been completed for Wisons Creek Bridge at Nashua.

An important part of this work involved removing two large camphor laurel trees. This reduced the potential of the roots growing through the rock and causing the structure to become unstable.

A concern with removing these trees was the small black berries they fruit, which can spread in the road reserve and germinate, leading to vegetation clearing and road safety issues in the future.

The project team sought a strategic method to dispose of the trees and mulch and identified Cape Byron Power Plant as an environmentally friendly, sustainable and renewable solution to dispose of the camphor laurel timber and leafy canopy.

Cape Byron Power is one of the largest renewable base load generators in Australia. The electricity produced is fuelled by bio mass, generated by the burning of sugar cane milling waste, along with certain types of wood residues and energy crops. The camphor laurel trees were cut and mulched onsite and loaded out into large tipper body trucks. The 27 tonnes of camphor laurel generated enough energy to power four homes for a year (27 mega watt hours). In addition to this, by burning tree mulch rather than coal production of powered energy, this method also displaces Co2 greenhouse gas emissions. By using the supplied 27 tonnes of camphor laurel mulch from the project for energy, more than 16 tonnes of Co2 greenhouse gas emissions were displaced.



Next steps

We will continue to provide regular updates to the community on the progress and delivery of work along this important corridor.



Before



After

Wisons Creek Bridge clearing and stability work to bridge abutments



Vegetation clearing near Wisons Creek Bridge involved the sustainable removal of two large camphor laurel trees



Save travel time



Thank you for your patience during construction



Ongoing maintenance



Improving safety

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