

# The upgraded Briner Bridge is now open to traffic

Traffic is now flowing across the newly-upgraded Briner Bridge.



The NSW Government provided \$15.9 million through its Bridges for the Bush program for the bridge to be deconstructed and rebuilt.

The original Briner Bridge was built in 1908 and has served the community for more than 110 years, but required an upgrade to ensure that it could continue to serve the community for years to come.

The upgraded bridge, which incorporates the timber Dare Truss structure like the original bridge, as well as laminated hardwood timber decking between the trusses, is wider and will allow general access vehicle loadings, allowing it to better service commuters, agriculture, tourism and other industries in the area.

The project also helped to sustain 12 full-time jobs and provided work for many local contractors during construction.

## What is still to be done?

While the upgraded bridge is now open to traffic, work will continue on site for the next few months, weather permitting.

This work includes applying some finishing touches to the bridge, restoring the work site where many of the bridge components, including the Dare Trusses, were put together, and removing the site office.

We will also remove the temporary bridge across the Coldstream River that has served the community for the past 12 months. It will be dismantled, taken to another site and reconstructed to service other areas. We will also restore areas on the eastern (Tucabia) side of the bridge, but will leave some of the access road in place that is currently used as an approach to the temporary bridge.

## Recognising the history of the Briner Bridge

We will install interpretive signage on the south eastern side of the bridge that tells some of the bridge's rich history. It will be in a safe and easily accessible location.

## Benefits of the rebuilt bridge

The original bridge served the community for more than 110 years, providing a vital link between Ulmarra, Tucabia and surrounding rural communities. The upgraded structure, with its higher load capacity and extra width, will serve the community well and will meet modern transport needs.

## Thank you to the community

Deconstructing and upgrading Briner Bridge has been a major local project and we thank the community for the support we received along the way.

We have got to know many of the locals and will miss them and their encouraging waves as they have driven past the work site.

Having a supportive local community makes a big difference in projects like this and we want to thank you for your encouragement along the way. It makes an enormous difference to our workers and our work and, for that, we thank you.

For construction photos, video or more information, visit <https://nswroads.work/brinerbridge>



If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 02 6640 1331.