

# Kempsey-Armidale Road Recovery Program community update

## Natural Disaster Restoration

### Culvert Works:

JNC Group Indigenous Contractors Pty Ltd were awarded the contract on 8 December 2021 to begin works on the repair and replacement of 7 critical culverts along Kempsey Road. This project will restore these culverts to a standard that ultimately improves the performance and resilience of these areas. The following is noted regarding the upcoming commencement of works:

- Long lead time items have been secured and site works are forecast to commence 14 February 2022 (weather permitting).
- Early works will include the establishment of site amenities, delivery of plant and equipment, followed by the commencement of works on Project 3 Culvert 3.
- We are in the process of trying to organise an event to recognise the commencement of the project but this may be slightly delayed due to current issues surrounding COVID-19.
- Once commenced, traffic control will be in place at the culvert work sites. Traffic control will include the use of traffic signals and road users should expect delays when passing through the work zone. Due to the tight geometry of the road in these locations, delays of up to 15 minutes should be expected. The project team thanks you for your assistance and understanding while these controls are in place.



To review the current design details for the works visit [Council's website](#).

## Main Recovery Works

As detailed in earlier community updates, the main recovery works involve significant structural, stormwater and pavement reconstruction work. A concept design has been developed and is now being further developed to properly define the scope in accordance with the Federal Government Natural Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

- The main recovery works are in the final stages of funding approval.
- Council has been engaging with market participants to determine the appropriate method to deliver these significant works.
- Procurement documentation is currently being prepared.

- Survey and geotechnical investigation works have commenced and will continue over the next few months.

### **Fixing Local Roads**

The concept designs are being prepared and were presented to the community on 2 February 2022.

The design is now being developed in consideration of the feedback received by the community. A copy of the draft concept designs can be accessed on [Council's website](#).

### **Fixing Country Roads**

The approval for the revised scope for the Big Hill improvements has now been granted by Infrastructure NSW (INSW). Due to funding constraints, improvement works will be limited to 4 curve improvements.

Once the revised concept design is sufficiently advanced we will present the design to the community for feedback. This is expected to occur in March 2022.

## **Keeping you informed**

**Note to residents:** In regard to the Culvert Works, Armidale Regional Council will be in contact with you about gaining access to anyone that has property that fronts to the road.

We have introduced an SMS (text message) service to let people know in advance of planned closures and unplanned closures as they arise. If you are a user of the Kempsey-Armidale Road, we encourage you to sign up for this service. Simply email your name and contact phone number to [kempseyroad@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kempseyroad@armidale.nsw.gov.au) and we will make sure you are kept informed.

We will also keep your email address details so we can send you newsletters and regular updates. Your details will not be used for any purpose other than communication about Kempsey-Armidale Road.

If you have any questions, please call 1300 136 833 or email us at [kempseyroad@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kempseyroad@armidale.nsw.gov.au)

For more information on Kempsey-Armidale Road, visit Council's [works and projects section](#) on the website.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.