

Armidale – Kempsey Road Recovery

PROJECT UPDATE - July 2022

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Funding announcement

Funding to rehabilitate the Kempsey Armidale Road Recovery Project was announced on 21 June 2022 by the Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall. The funding will be spent on restoration of the 43km Kempsey to Armidale Road and 5km of Lower Creek Road to pre-disaster condition.

The work will include earthworks, roadside drainage, pavements, pavement markings, signage, retaining walls, environmental safeguards, scour protection to existing bridges, roadside furniture including safety barriers, and landscaping.

Tenders have been called for the work by Armidale Regional Council and a site inspection for potential contractors was held on 29 June 2022 as part of a requirement of the tender process. Tenders will close on Tuesday 9 August 2022 and an assessment of the tenders will then be made before a contract is awarded.



Road widening works at Flying Fox Cutting

Flying Fox Cutting

Emergency repair works have now been completed at Flying Fox Cutting allowing restricted access. Traffic will be able to pass through Flying Fox Cutting before 7am, between 9am and 9.30am, and after 4pm. Soil nail works will continue over coming weeks.

Waterfall Corner

Council is continuing to undertake emergency repair works on the Waterfall Corner in an attempt to prevent further failures. The contractor has mobilised plant, equipment and personnel to continue the emergency repair works. Soil nail walls are continuing to be constructed. This is highly dependent on soil conditions but is expected to take more than a month before form work and concrete work can start.

The work requires road closures during culvert work and stabilisation of road slips. The road closures are for the safety of the public as well as the safety of workers. Traffic will be able to pass the Waterfall Corner works area before 7am, between the hours of 9am and 9.30am, and after 4pm during the work.



Barriers installed to keep motorists safe

Intermittent road closures

Emergency repair works will require intermittent road closures due to access requirements for construction vehicles such as concrete trucks. We will keep the community updated as we progress the work. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Traffic movements for emergency services during these times will be co-ordinated by the site team.

Safety measures

Star pickets, flagging and barriers have been erected on several sections of the road to keep motorists safe by diverting them away from failing road pavement. Worker talks (toolboxes) are held every day before work starts and an assessment is made of risks and mitigations. Visual inspections are undertaken of work sites before work starts to assess any changes that may have occurred due to weather or other factors. Signs have been placed to advise motorists of temporary road closures and road openings.



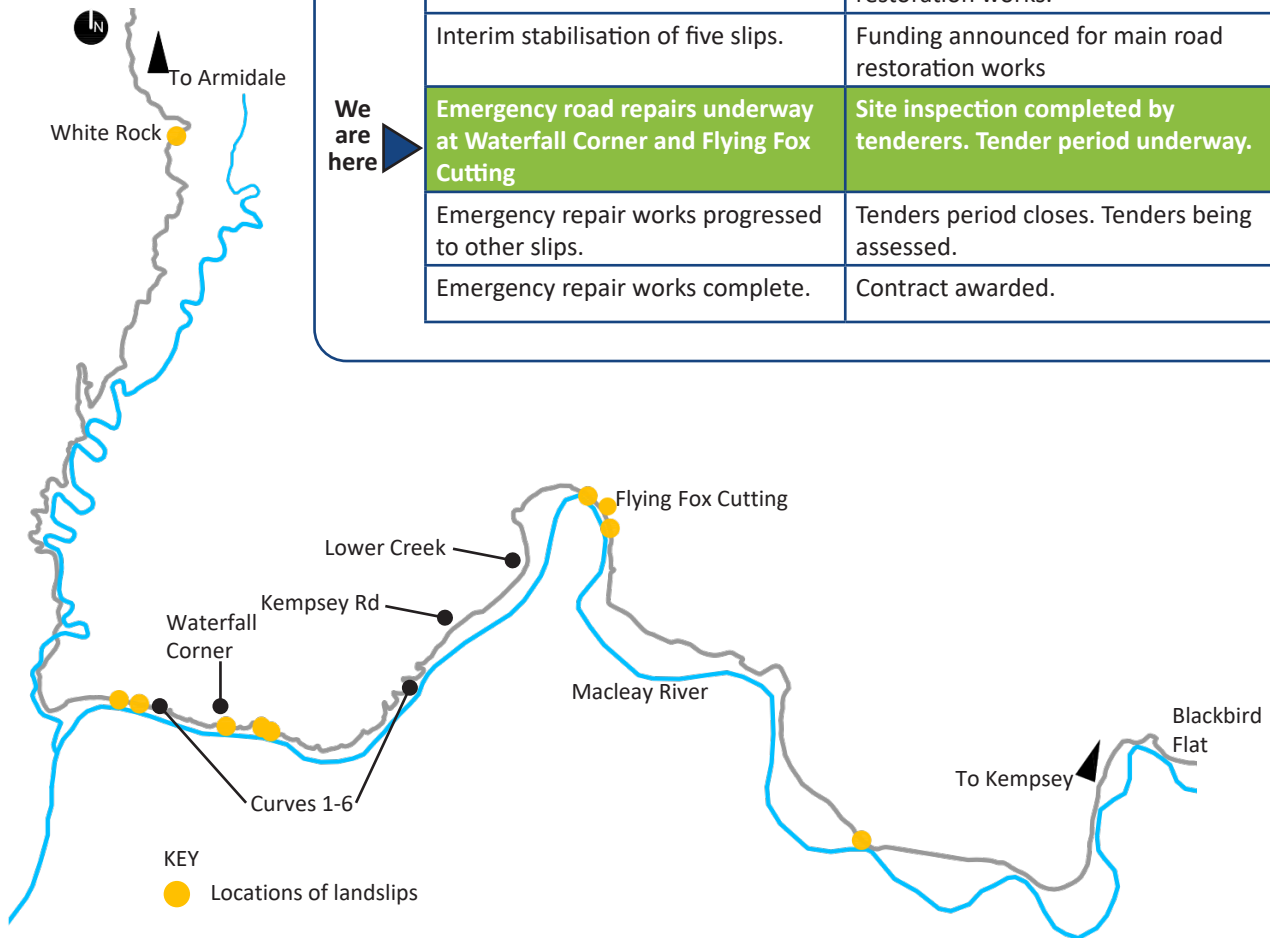
Emergency repair works at Flying Fox Cutting

How things are progressing

EMERGENCY WORKS	MAIN CONTRACT WORKS
Significant damage to road.	Tenders called for main road restoration works.
Interim stabilisation of five slips.	Funding announced for main road restoration works
Emergency road repairs underway at Waterfall Corner and Flying Fox Cutting	Site inspection completed by tenderers. Tender period underway.
Emergency repair works progressed to other slips.	Tenders period closes. Tenders being assessed.
Emergency repair works complete.	Contract awarded.

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Information for the community

Regular updates are being provided to the community, the Wollomombi General Store and the Bellbrook Hotel.

Due to the unstable condition of the road and embankments, residents are asked not to approach workers on site. This is essential in order to maintain the safety of residents, motorists and workers.

Contact us:

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us on **1300 136 833** or email: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au



Soil nailing works underway

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