

**Bonville Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #15
Wednesday 11th June 2008
Project Site Office
Bonville Station Road, Bonville
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Gary Carr	Trish Herraman
Ann Coyle	Mike Newcombe
Ron Duncan	Ron Sprudd
Mike Edsall	

Project representatives in attendance

Colin Solomon, RTA	Jason Moran, Abigroup
	Neil Pittaway, Abigroup
	Matt Frodsham, Abigroup
	Cindy Douglas, Abigroup
	Rebecca Walker Edwards, Abigroup
	Owen Clark, Abigroup

Apologies

Chris Bryce, Abigroup	Evan Clark
	Peter Haskins
Chris Clark, RTA	Damon Leach

Tabled/Handouts

Abigroup presentation – Structures
Abigroup presentation – Community monthly update
Abigroup presentation – Fauna Overpass

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Matt Frodsham - Facilitator</p> <p>Welcome to all attendees.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>Comments from the previous meeting notes were received see Item 1.1.</p>	
1.1		<p>5.1 A CIG member requested an amendment to the question provided in the previous CIG meeting notes regarding the Giant Barred Frog as it was noted incorrectly. The question asked was if specific monitoring is performed on the impact of sedimentation on the Giant Barred Frog.</p>	
2	Actions arising from last meeting	<p>5.1.5 Abigroup advised the nest box matter was still in the hands of DECC (Department of Environment and Climate Change).</p> <p>Abigroup advised approximately 100 nest boxes will be installed over the length of the project. The start date for installation is set for the week commencing 23 June 2008.</p>	Abigroup
3	Abigroup Project update		
3.1	Structures update	<p>Neil Pittaway – Project Manager, Structures Abigroup presentation</p> <p>Mailmans Track – Bridgeworks are complete.</p> <p>Northbound Bridge and Southbound Bridge (behind the RTA inspection bay opposite the Sid Burke Rest Area) – open to construction traffic with the installation of parapets, guardrails and fauna furniture in progress.</p> <p>Pine Creek – Bridgeworks are almost complete pending scour protection.</p> <p>Reedys Creek – Installation of girders and the pouring of the south bound and north bound bridge deck continuing. The launching truss has now been dismantled from this area and is in storage.</p> <p>Archville Station Road - is complete with defects being rectified.</p> <p>Fauna Underpass Bridge (north of Archville Station Road) – decks have been poured with the side tracks removed. Works have commenced on the approach slabs.</p> <p>East Bonville Road – Deck has been poured and false work removed. Finishing off works continuing including reinforced soil walls and the installation of bridge furniture.</p>	

3.1	Structures Update continued	<p>Neil Pittaway – Project Manager, Structures Abigroup presentation</p> <p>Bonville Station Road Bridge – Bridgeworks are complete.</p> <p>Bonville Creek – Bridgeworks are almost complete with the installation of barrier railings and approach slabs continuing.</p> <p>Williams Road Bridge – Bridgeworks are complete. Works on the approach slabs at the Fauna Underpass Bridge (South of Lyons Road) are continuing.</p>	
3.1.1	Questions	Nil.	
3.2	Construction Update	<p>Jason Moran – Project Manager, Earthworks Abigroup presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving works are continuing from the southern end of the project through to the Mailmans Track service road roundabout. • Gould Road area – re-alignment/reconstruction of new intersection with Archville Station Road is underway. • Archville Station Road – continuing roundabout works. • East Bonville Road – works continuing. • Reedys Creek –Lyon’s Road – finishing/cleaning up works are continuing. • Bonville Creek – commencement of hand pours. • Fauna Underpass Bridge south of Lyons Road – commencement of hand pours. • Stroud’s Road – drainage works are continuing. • Traffic exiting at the northbound off ramp to access Lyons Road was diverted onto a new service road which connects to the Lyons Road interchange roundabout. This will allow for the construction of the new Lyons Road off ramp. 	
3.2.1	Questions	<p>A CIG member expressed concern at the shortness of the approach to the off ramp accessing Lyon’s Road. The member felt there was not enough distance in the approach.</p> <p>Abigroup advised additional signage had been placed indicating the up coming exit however, Abigroup will investigate.</p>	Abigroup
		<p>The CIG inquired if traffic will be on the alignment in July 2008.</p> <p>Abigroup advised due to the recent weather traffic on the alignment is anticipated in August 2008.</p>	

3.3	Community and Communications update	<p>Cindy Douglas – Community Relations Officer Abigroup presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 visitors for the month of April 2008 • 8 visitors for the month of May 2008 • Total to date 1255 visitors <p>Complaints – April 2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – Traffic • 1 – Construction Noise <p>Complaints – May 2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – Traffic • 2 – Access • 1 – Vibration <p>Media coverage</p> <p>20.03.08 Coffs Coast Advocate Bonville overpasses now complete</p> <p>16.05.08 Coffs Coast Advocate Minister 'yes' to highway funding</p> <p>05.06.08 Coffs Coast Advocate Computer course constructive A truckload of highway cash</p> <p>07.06.08 Coffs Coast Advocate Animal crossing Traineeship leads to job</p> <p>Traffic Switch On the 27 May 2008 Pacific Highway traffic exiting at the northbound off ramp to access Lyons Road, was diverted onto a new service road which connects to the Lyons Road interchange roundabout. This will allow for the construction of the new Lyons Road off ramp.</p> <p>Pride of Workmanship Award The Sawtell Rotary Club has recognised the entire Bonville Upgrade Project Team for their outstanding commitment to the local community while undertaking one of the largest infrastructure projects on the Mid North Coast.</p> <p>Golden Boot Award The Golden Boot Award is designed to celebrate and reward best practice or innovation in the workplace. Each month the focus alternates between safety, environmental or quality outcomes.</p> <p>The award is open to all projects within the NSW Building and Engineering divisions of Abigroup. The Golden Boot is presented on a monthly basis to an individual, subcontractor or project team.</p> <p>The winning individual or team will receive an engraved plaque on the Golden Boot trophy and a \$1,000 donation to go towards this year's charity beyondblue.</p>	
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3.3.1	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired if other projects have similar environmental impacts as the Bonville upgrade.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the Karuah to Bulahdelah Stage 2 & 3 Project has similar impacts sharing part of the boundary with the National Parks, a number of water crossings and the management of threatened species.</p>	
		<p>The CIG inquired why the Bonville Team won the Golden Boot Award for Environment.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the Environmental award was for the successful introduction of something innovative including methods, techniques, practices, new or altered products and services. The following areas were selected to demonstrate innovation in Environmental Management on the Pacific Highway Bonville Upgrade Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion and Sediment Control • Revegetation • Aquatic Habitat Management • Threatened Species Management • Spill Response 	
		<p>The CIG inquired who beyondblue represented.</p> <p>Abigroup advised beyondblue were an organisation providing education and support to persons suffering from depression.</p>	
4	General Discussion		
		<p>A CIG member expressed concern that the advised site tour had yet to take place.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the tour had taken place on the 26 March 2008 meeting.</p>	
		<p>The CIG inquired when the new alignment is opened will the existing Pacific Highway revert back to the local Council in its current condition.</p> <p>The RTA advised discussions were currently taking place with the local Council regarding the hand over package of the existing Highway.</p>	

		<p>The CIG inquired as to what happens to the site compound area when the works are complete and Abigroup leave and who owns the land.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the area will be utilised as the maintenance compound for the 10 year maintenance of the alignment by Bilfinger Berger Services Australia Pty Ltd.</p> <p>The RTA advised the road corridor is owned by the RTA.</p>	
4.1	Overview of the draft plan for the official opening of the Bonville upgrade	<p>Col Solomon, RTA</p> <p>Abigroup and the RTA are working towards a suitable opening date to be announced by the Minister for Transport.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>Community Open Day to be held on the section of the new alignment between Bonville Station Road and Bonville Creek Bridge.</p> <p>To be held on a Sunday between 10am – 2pm with a sausage sizzle, markets, stalls and entertainment.</p> <p>Representation of local organisations eg. the Rescue Squad and the Rural Fire Brigade proposed.</p> <p>Notifications will be provided to local residents as well as advertisements in the local papers.</p> <p>The RTA advised should any CIG member know of any organisation or association that may be interested in participating on the day to please inform the Community Relations Team who will pass the information onto the RTA.</p>	
4.1.1	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired if the opening will be a partial opening?</p> <p>Abigroup and the RTA advised several interchanges will be pending completion. This will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closure of one lane of each carriageway on the new alignment around Mailmans Track until roundabout works can be completed to allow the opening of the Mailmans Track interchange. The temporary Keevers Drive intersection will remain in operation for up to two months after the upgrade is open to traffic. • The closure of one lane on the northbound carriageway near Lyons Road to allow completion of the northbound offload ramp. • Traffic detours around Butlers Road to allow completion of a roundabout; and • Work under traffic to complete connection of the existing highway to the Lyons Road interchange. 	

4.2	Completion of the Fauna Overpass	<p>Jason Moran, Abigroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DECC approved fauna overpass structure allows fauna to safely cross the highway. • The structure comprises of separate tunnels for each carriageway. Each tunnel is constructed of pre-cast concrete arches on in-situ cast concrete base walls. • Gabion baskets will act as a visual feature of the overpass. • Approximately 3 metres of soil will be filled in over the top of the overpass. This soil was extracted from the local area during the earthworks stage of the project for recycling. • Landscaping will be integral to replicate the existing area. • A mesh fence with a flexible top will be installed to assist in guiding Fauna along the overpass. 	
4.2.1	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired how long is each tunnel.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the tunnels are approximately 60 metres long.</p>	
		<p>A CIG member inquired if rumble strips were being considered.</p> <p>Abigroup advised rumble strips will be installed on the service road in the vicinity of the fauna overpass in the final stage of the Project.</p>	
		<p>A CIG member inquired when fauna exit the fauna overpass on the eastern side of the new Highway; is there clear vision for motorists to sight fauna crossing the service road.</p> <p>Abigroup advised there is an approximate 300 - 400 metres clear line of sight for motorists to sight fauna.</p>	
		<p>The CIG inquired if the RTA have learnt lessons from previously constructed fauna overpasses and look for ways of improvement.</p> <p>The RTA advised lessons have been learnt from other fauna overpasses (especially the one on the Yelgun to Chinderah project) and some modifications have been made to improve outcomes at the Bonville overpass.</p>	
		<p>The CIG enquired if the Yelgun Fauna Overpass has proven to be successful.</p> <p>The RTA advised monitoring had been undertaken. Fauna movements</p>	
6	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #16 Wednesday 12 August 2008 Project Site Office, Bonville Station Road, Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm</p>	