

» Skennars Head Road roundabout construction



Ballina Shire Council is about to embark on a major upgrade to the intersection of Skennars Head Road and The Coast Road.

Due to the accident history of this intersection, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will fully fund the project, estimated to be \$2 million, under their 'Safer Roads' program.

The construction of the new roundabout, reduction in road gradients, and the lowering of speed limits is aimed to improve motorist safety.

» How long will it take to complete the project?

The scheduled commencement date is Friday 3 March 2017 and it is anticipated that the project will approximately four months to complete (weather dependent).

Substantial earthworks are required in the initial stages of the project, with some areas to be built up to approximately two-metres above existing surface levels.

» Will the road need to be closed?

Unfortunately at some point the road will need to be closed to facilitate completion of the project.

However the majority of the works will be undertaken next to the existing intersection which will minimise closures.

Further information on the timing of any closure and alternative routes will be provided to the community as the project progresses.

» What environmental issues if any has the project considered?

The project has received Council planning consent with a number of environmental/ecological requirements.

Mitigation measures such as offset planting and rehabilitation of existing vegetation will be undertaken for the project.

» What about the connection to Rocky Point Road?

Unfortunately the roundabout design does not include the Boulders Beach access road (Rocky Point Road). The design specifically deals with the accident history of the predominant intersection.

The targeted RMS road safety funding and prescribed timeline for delivery of the project does not facilitate additional works such as the realignment of Rocky Point Road to the new roundabout.

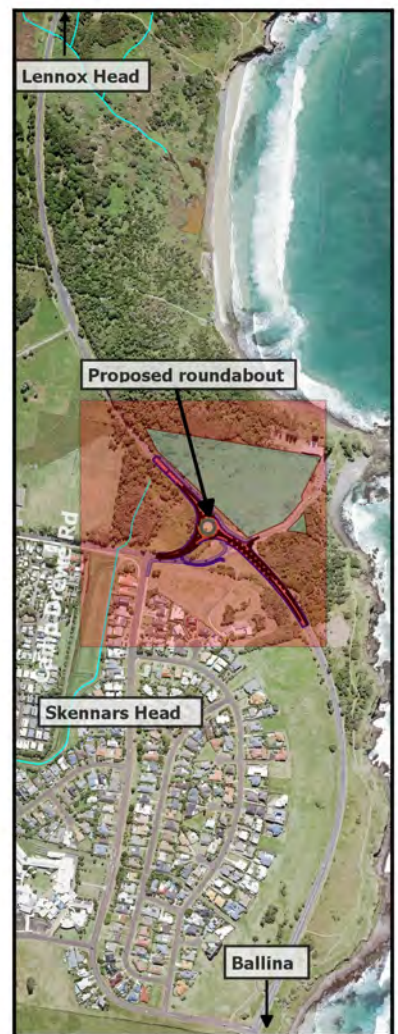
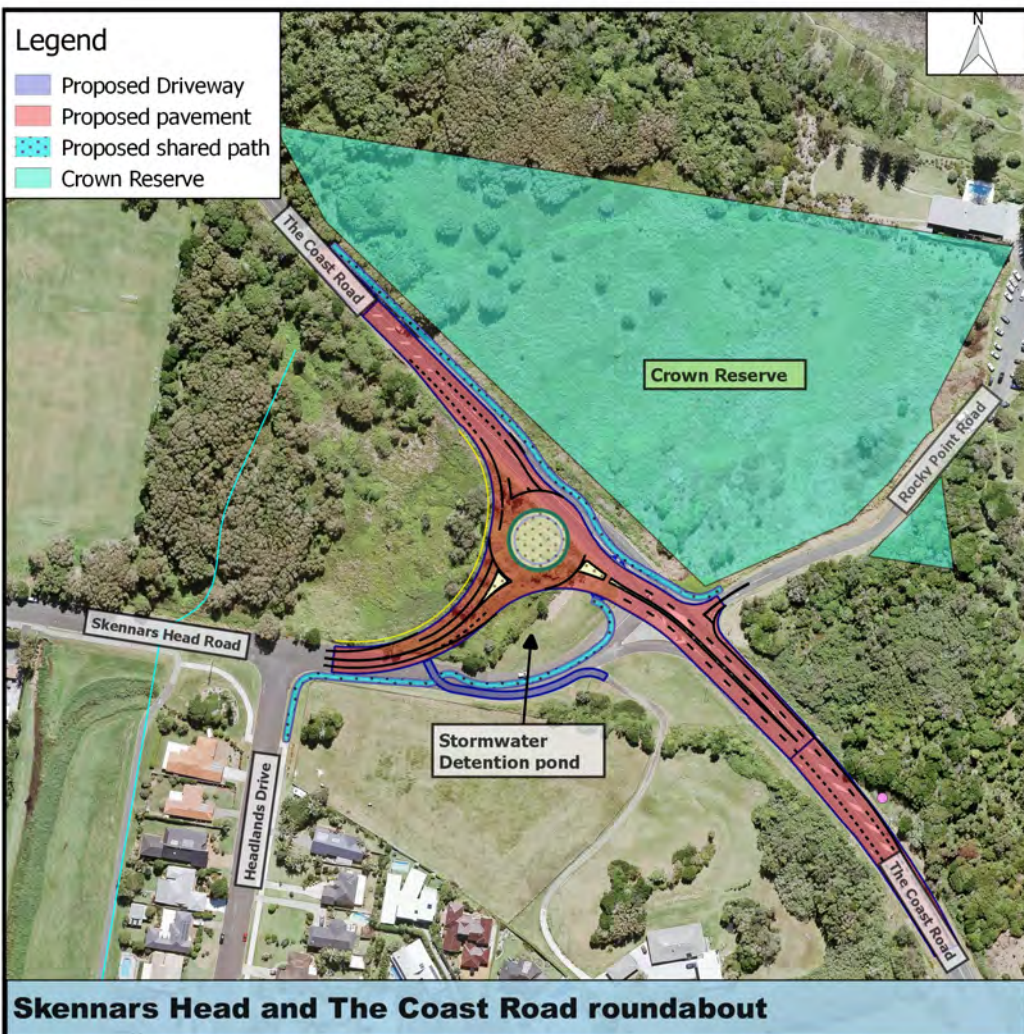
Therefore, the current left-in and left-out turning arrangement for Rocky Point Road will remain.

Due to the roundabout installation there will be associated safety benefits at Rocky Point Road. The speed environment will be reduced to 60kmph for the approaches to the roundabout and there will also be greater separation between the roundabout and Rocky Point Road.

See plans overpage.

» Where can I find more information about the project?

Additional information on the project can be found on Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au (search Skennars Head roundabout).



If you have any questions please contact:

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To view the full concept plans visit Council's website
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