

Port Stephens Council has commenced upgrade on Duns Creek Road

Project background

We issued a Newsletter in August 2021 describing works to be undertaken on Duns Creek Road extending from Wallaby Close to residence at 382 Duns Creek road (image on back).

This newsletter included detail on power outages during September to enable us to undertake tree clearing activities safely.

Project works to date

To date Port Stephens Council has completed the design, cleared 70% of the total trees and has completed earthworks on one of the most dangerous corners on this section of road.

During the month of September 2021, notifications were issued by Ausgrid relating to four proposed power outages.

Residents may have noticed that power was not isolated or turned off as planned due to internal statewide industrial issues with Ausgrid.

Two out of the four outages occurred with a delayed start with the remaining two not starting due to last minute changes outside the control of Council.

Next steps

As direct result of the above situation we now have to reschedule future power outages with Ausgrid at an agreed time.

However these outages will not be undertaken until we have assurance the works will occur as planned to ensure minimal disruption to community.

As a result, to mitigate further unnecessary disruption, we will defer the additional power outages until early 2022.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their patience and ongoing support while these works are being undertaken.

Post power outages works

After the planned power isolation and associated outages we will continue with road upgrade works until completion of this section of works.

Until the power outages, the community will see fewer Council staff working in the area however our presence on site will increase soon after the outages until completion.

Timeframe

The complexities of the project include narrow road reserves, public utilities, topography and the natural environment, will mean the works will progress for a period of 3-4 weeks (weather permitting) post power outages.

Keeping up to date

Please go to our projects and works page on Council's website where information will be updated as it is made available.

If you have any questions please contact our Project Manager, Michael Coyte on 0403 868 412.

