

Nevertire Road Stage 2 (NRS2) Progress Report

Meeting 29 April 2024
2pm Camp Kitchen.

Attendance: Peter, Julica, Craig and Wayne S, Road Contractor **Wayne Arndell** (Arnway) and Design Engineer **Kevin Hall**

Agenda: to discuss the best approach to the next stage of sealing Nevertire Road.

Main points:

Arndell recommended completion of the next stage from Ch 1150 to Ch 600, or to where our budget will allow. He will now provide Goolawah with a high level construction cost estimate, to determine how far we can seal. We will then submit the S138 request to Council, engage our Supervising Engineers and produce a contract for Arnway.

Continuing from Ch 1150 means from the existing sealed section towards Maria River road and finishing south of the right angle corner/bend in the road, that is before the bend and not through it.

This differs from discussions at previous meetings, but we agreed with Arndell's recommendation, as it avoids the risk of damaging the road during construction of the middle section if we sealed the Maria River Road end first. It also avoids the difficulty of otherwise joining two sealed sections.

Drainage costs in the flood area are significant, and Arndell will obtain quotes for these before he provides the high level construction estimate.

Timing for start and completion will depend on weather, attaining Council approval, Arnway's availability, and primarily when water drains to a level that does not impact construction.

We're aiming for around October this year (similar to last year for Stage 1).

Further discussion points:

Arndell confirmed his responsibility for repairs to any dips or damage to the road during the maintenance period.

Three box drains will be placed along the low sections of the road where water drains. To save on costs Arndell suggested closing Nevertire Road on the day when he places these drains. The alternative to closure is traffic lights and road controls which add more costs.

The road will not be raised significantly, so that flood waters will still go over the road when they occur.

Arndell is considering including drainage fabric underlay in the construction. This improves the life of the road by permitting water to safely flow under the seal. Hall noted that Council will need to approve this.

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I will send a project progress update to the community once we have the construction cost estimate from Arnway.

Wayne