

The Randall Report

Then & Now

A snapshot of delivering the NPBH



June 2004

Don Randall and former PM John Howard look at the future Perth-Bunbury Highway plans.



June 2007

By June 2007 58km of the alignment had been cleared.



August 2009

Almost 40% of SGA contracts went to local companies.



December 2006

SGA's Ray Spatore marks the beginning of the project with Don Randall.



March 2009

The Forrest Highway is named after Bunbury born Sir John Forrest.



August 2009

A water theme is carried through the artwork along the NPBH.



COMING SOON

The Mandurah Entrance Road is set to be completed in 2010.

What's next.....
The Pinjarra Bypass?



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SPECIAL EDITION
NEW PERTH-BUNBURY HIGHWAY

A community newsletter from Don Randall JP MP, Federal Member for CANNING

IT'S OPEN!

Landmark highway ticks all the boxes

Sit back and enjoy the ride. It's been years in the making but Western Australia's biggest ever road project is now open.

Having fought for the New Perth-Bunbury Highway and monitoring the milestone project every step of the way Canning MP Don Randall is thrilled it's finally a reality.

"Canning residents and all Western Australians now have a safer, more efficient road network. They have the highway they deserve," Mr Randall said.

Mr Randall saw the \$705 million Kwinana Freeway Extension and Forrest Highway through the planning stages and turbulent funding negotiations. He turned the sod in 2006 and was regularly on site during construction. He was proud to join Premier Colin Barnett to cut the ribbon.

"September 20th marked a momentous day and West Australians will reap the rewards for years to come," he says.

"If the former Labor State Government had its way we would be lucky to have half a Highway. The Federal Coalition drove this project from the beginning, attaching strict conditions to its \$170 million in funding to make sure all 70.5km was delivered this year.

"Not only is the Highway open, but it's open three months early!



Premier Colin Barnett, Immigration Minister Chris Evans, Main Roads Commissioner Menno Henneveld and Don Randall cut the ribbon on the New Perth-Bunbury Highway.

"The Highway is crucial infrastructure and could not afford to be put on the backburner.

"It's already improved road safety tenfold, taking motorists off the notorious Old Coast Road and heavy haulage vehicles out of central Mandurah.

"Holidaymakers no longer need to cringe at the thought of heading to the South West in bumper to bumper traffic for a long weekend. You can basically drive from Joondalup to Bunbury on a dual carriageway without any traffic lights.

"One of the Highway's crowning features is that it's future proofed. It can accommodate a fast railway and will improve the transport network for the growing Peel population.

"Southern Gateway Alliance (SGA) and hundreds of local contractors are to be congratulated on their efficient management of the project and finishing well ahead of schedule.

"Delivering the Forrest Highway has been a long battle but the end result is one the premier roads in the country. It's the gateway to the South West.

"Upgrading local roads remains a top priority.

"The Mandurah Entrance Road is set to be completed in 2010, and I'll continue to fight for bypasses for Pinjarra, Waroona and Byford and funding to upgrade local roads and bridges throughout Canning."

The Kwinana Freeway Extension and Forrest Highway At a Glance

- ✓ 30,000 motorists a day will use the new 70.5km dual carriageway.
- ✓ Road safety is dramatically improved.
- ✓ Almost 40% of contracts awarded by SGA went to local companies, injecting \$97 million into the Peel economy.
- ✓ Without the Highway by 2011 up to 50,000 vehicles would use Mandurah Road daily.
- ✓ Travel time from Perth to Bunbury is slashed by 30 minutes.
- ✓ The New Perth-Bunbury Highway has five interchanges, nine intersections and 19 bridges.
- ✓ The 7km Mandurah Entrance Road is due for completion in 2010, providing a direct link between the Highway and central Mandurah.
- ✓ Tourism, industry and investment opportunities will improve with an express route between Perth and the South West.
- ✓ The 38km Forrest Highway is entirely in the Canning electorate.

For all the news and photos from the NPBH opening go to www.donrandallmp.com

The Long Road

How we got the NPBH

- 1976** WA Planning Commission begins to consider the alignment of a future Perth-Bunbury Highway.
- 1985** Main Roads WA invites comments on its paper "Perth Bunbury Route (Kwinana Freeway) Where should this road go?"
- 1990** The Peel Region Plan recommends the Perth-Bunbury Highway be accelerated.
- Oct 2000** After extensive review and consultation Main Roads WA confirms its preferred route.
- Dec 2000** Premier Court establishes a task force to accelerate delivery of the Peel Deviation.
- Nov 2001** Don Randall is elected Member for Canning and makes clear the Peel Deviation is a priority for the region.
- 1 Mar 2002** Federal Coalition Government rejects application for \$300 million in Roads of National Importance funding because it lacks a full and detailed proposal. The Federal Transport Minister recommends lodging a more comprehensive application for AusLink funding.
- 2 Apr 2003** State Planning and Infrastructure Minister says construction will begin in 2008/2009.
- 11 Dec 2003** Don Randall holds a key stakeholder meeting in Mandurah. Main Roads confirms construction could commence in 2006.
- 5 May 2004** Federal Coalition Government again requests vital planning and design work be completed to secure funding under AusLink.
- 10 May 2004** State Minister says construction could not start until at least 2007.
- 4 Jun 2004** Federal Coalition Government announces a funding commitment of \$150 million to build the Highway on the condition it is one continuous build.
- 10 Jun 2004** Prime Minister John Howard visits the site of the future highway and inspects the plans.
- 29 Jul 2004** State Minister confirms construction will get underway in 2006/07.
- 14 Sep 2004** Federal Coalition Government commits an additional \$20 million to the Highway conditional on construction starting in 2006.
- 7 Oct 2004** State Government erects a sign at the end of the Kwinana Freeway stating that construction of the New Perth Bunbury Highway will commence in 2007.
- 22 Apr 2005** Don Randall reminds the State Minister that \$20 million will be lost if the 2006 start date is missed.
- 28 Apr 2005** State Minister remains adamant that construction will not start until 2007.
- 11 May 2005** Don Randall learns the WA Government has not yet signed AusLink Bilateral Funding Agreement.
- 3 Jun 2005** The State Budget reveals the WA Government is only half funding the project until 2009.
- Jul 2005** Federal Coalition Government requests documentation from WA Government as part of Commonwealth environmental process.



- 18 Jul 2005** State Minister announces the Highway will be split into two stages – Safety Bay Road to Paganoni Road and Paganoni Road to Lake Clifton. Costs have blown out by \$110 million to \$340 million.
- 8 Dec 2005** State Government finally agrees to start construction late in 2006 and open by 2009.
- 30 Jun 2006** Eleven months after it was sought the State Government finally submits environmental documentation.
- 3 Sep 2006** State Minister announces Southern Gateway Alliance (SGA) as the successful builder, the same consortium that was named as preferred builder months earlier.
- 18 Oct 2006** Don Randall calls on WA Government to sign a formal contract with the builder so construction can get underway.
- 6 Dec 2006** Federal Coalition Government gives the project a green light under federal environmental laws, making provisions for the protection of threatened species and the acclaimed Peel Road Yalgorup Wetlands.
- 7 Dec 2006** State Minister finally reaches an agreement with the builders. Costs have escalated to \$511 million.
- 20 Dec 2006** A groundbreaking ceremony marks the beginning of the New Perth-Bunbury Highway, only 11 days before risking \$20 million in Commonwealth funding.
- May 2007** Piling commences on the 272 metre, 15,500 tonne Murray River Bridge.
- Jan 2008** Testing begins on state of the art paving machines.
- Aug 2008** Almost 2 million man hours have been accumulated on the project.
- 20 Jan 2009** SGA confirm Highway will be completed ahead of schedule but not before Easter as claimed by the former State Minister in the lead up to the 2008 State Election.
- 15 Mar 2009** The southern section of the Highway is officially named after Western Australia's first Premier, Sir John Forrest.
- 20 Apr 2009** SGA is named as the successful tender to the Mandurah Entrance Road.
- May 2009** Asphalt crews work concurrently along a alignment laying a record 5,000 tonnes of asphalt in one day!
- 15 Jul 2009** SGA confirms it is only weeks away from finishing the Highway.
- 7 Aug 2009** Don Randall tours the new Kwinana Freeway and Forrest Highway.
- 4 Sep 2009** Groundbreaking ceremony marks the commencement of the Mandurah Entrance Road.
- 20 Sep 2009** Kwinana Freeway Extension and Forrest Highway OPEN!



Courtesy of Southern Gateway Alliance



To make the New Perth-Bunbury Highway a reality the Federal Coalition in Government committed \$170 million in AusLink funding. To make sure the Highway was delivered sooner rather than later strict conditions were attached ...

1. Construction must commence in 2006

DELIVERED

2. One continuous build rather than split into stages

DELIVERED

3. Open to motorists in 2009

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