

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS



February 2009

Harry Graham Drive and Cordeaux Road

In response to community concern I would like to assure residents that plans are in place to ensure emergency services and residents have access to Harry Graham Drive in an emergency.

Currently, a detour is in place while Cordeaux Road Bridge is under construction. At the present time, this work is well under way with the demolition of the existing bridge and piling of the new bridge foundations complete. Despite recent rain the construction remains on schedule with opening of the new bridge anticipated by the end of May 2009.

Council has met with the Rural Fire Service, the NSW Police and the District Emergency Management Officer to provide them advice on the status of current works in Cordeaux Rd and the closure of Harry Graham Drive.

In the unlikely event that an evacuation of the area is required, it will be undertaken in accordance with the City of Wollongong Local Disaster Plan (DISPLAN) and the RFS Bushfire Operations Plan. Depending on conditions, access to Harry Graham Drive could be provided if necessary.

In relation to bushfire risk, the RFS recommends residents familiarise themselves with the RFS "Guide to Completing Your Bush FireWise Action Plan" which can be obtained on the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

In the case of an actual bushfire threat or emergency, more detailed information on any planned relocations or emergency evacuations will be provided by the RFS and/or NSW Police as necessary. Residents should also listen to ABC Radio (locally on FM 97.3), the NSW emergency broadcaster.

More information on responding to emergencies generally is also available at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

Council and the Rural Fire Service have been working closely together on upgrading the fire trails in the area to improve access for the Rural Fire Service.

Council is finalising designs for repairs to Harry Graham Drive with call for quotations for the first part of works expected in early March and construction planned to commence in late March.

Should you have any questions regarding the works on Harry Graham Drive or Cordeaux Road, please contact Council on 4227 7111.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Kofod.', written in a cursive style.

Peter Kofod
Director
Infrastructure and Works