

A slippery dip for a footpath

Broadband contractors who ruined a steep footpath in Woronora have been sent back three times to fix it, after first leaving it covered in slippery clay which concealed the bitumen which they had damaged.

An NBN representative promised to have the contractors restore the path in Prices Circuit promptly after repeated complaints by a com-



mittee member of Woronora Valley Residents Association Inc, vice-president Don Pagé.

“At first, the clay was so thick that the footpath was as slick as a slippery-dip,” he said. “It was only a matter of time before someone slid down into the traffic, maybe children or the elderly,” he predicted.

“it is the only footpath here -- nothing flash, but it was doing the job.”

It has taken several weeks after WVRA Inc contacted Sutherland Shire Council, which stalled although it owns the footpath. Then it referred us to Telstra, which checked its records and said that NBN was responsible, after installing new lines underground, but it was no longer their company.

NBN admitted that their sub-contractor had done the job with its machinery, and the crew was sent back repeatedly to remove clay, each time being inadequate.

Finally NBN inspected the newly exposed bitumen with WVRA, and promised repairs soon to



prevent the footpath eroding further because of the break-up of the surface by the backhoe. Time will tell, but Council property had been damaged by another company, and repairs would have taken years before Council could allocate the funding.

-- By Don Pagé, 21 July 2019