

Maintenance work on Brig O'Johnston Bridge at Clarence Town from Monday 15 August

The NSW Government is funding essential maintenance work on the heritage listed Brig O'Johnston Bridge over the Williams River at Clarence Town.

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out the work which includes routine maintenance of the timber trusses and the existing bailey support system in preparation for the future rehabilitation work.

Work scheduled to start on Monday 1 August has been delayed due to recent wet weather, with work rescheduled to start on **Monday 15 August**. Site establishment activities started on **Monday 8 August**, with activities including installation of a site compound and scaffolding on the bridge. The channel directly below the bridge has been temporarily restricted for all marine vessels while work activities are carried out overhead, with channel markers in place for the safety of waterway users.

We will be working **Monday to Friday** between **6.30am** and **5pm** and expect to complete this work within **five months**, weather permitting. Some work may need to be carried out on **Saturday** between **8am** and **3pm**. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these hours.

We are continuing to work with the Office of Environment and Heritage with planning progressing towards a formal application to approve rehabilitation of the heritage listed Brig O'Johnston Bridge. Following approval, we will prepare the environmental assessment and delivery options for consultation with the community.

We will continue to keep the community updated about the next steps for maintenance and rehabilitation of the bridge as the project progresses.

How will the work affect you?

There will be some noise and changed traffic conditions associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise noise by turning off machinery when not in use and short delays of up to 15 minutes will be required on occasion.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes in place during the works. Traffic controllers will be used to make sure the work zone is safe and detours will be available for heavy vehicles.

The bridge will have a load limit of 32 tonnes during the work. Based on recent advice from Dungog Council, the detour route has been revised since the previous notification for vehicles greater than this weight. We have included a map to help better explain the changed detour route.

The new detour is expected to add around 50 kilometres to journeys, which is about 50 minutes travel time.

The bridge will remain open to all other traffic during the work however delays of up to 15 minutes duration may occur on occasion outside of peak hours and may affect travel times.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App for iPhone, iPad and Android.

Contact

If you have any questions, please call our Project Manager, David MacGregor on (02) 4924 0349 during business hours or email david.macgregor@rms.nsw.gov.au. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Brig O'Johnston Bridge

Heavy vehicle detour

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