

Maintenance work on Brig O'Johnston Bridge, Clarence Town, from Wednesday 10 May

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 has been carrying out routine maintenance of the timber trusses and existing bailey support system on Brig O'Johnston Bridge in preparation for the future rehabilitation work.

Work started on the bridge in August 2016 and was placed on hold in November 2016 due to the discovery of microbats in the vicinity of the bridge. In accordance with *Roads and Maritime's Biodiversity Guidelines*, work on the bridge stopped immediately.

We will be recommencing work on the bridge from **Wednesday 10 May** following the end of the microbat breeding season.

We will be working between **6.30am** and **5pm** from **Monday** to **Friday** and expect to complete the work by **mid-June 2017**, weather permitting. We will let you know in advance if we need to 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.

The NSW Government is providing \$5.5 million to Dungog Shire Council as part of the Fixing Country Roads program, to contribute to a new concrete bridge over the Williams River in Clarence Town. The funding for the new bridge and road alignment will be dependent on Council achieving funding for the remainder of the project.

How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which may generate some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by turning machinery off when not in use and positioning stationary equipment away from residential areas.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Motorists may experience delays of up to 20 minutes outside of peak hours and are advised to allow extra travel time.

The current 40 tonne load limit will remain in place. The current detour for vehicles over 40 tonnes will also remain while the work is carried out. We have included a map to show the detour route.

The detour adds around 50 kilometres to journeys, and road users should allow an additional 50 minutes to their travel time.

The bridge will remain open to all other traffic.

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 contact our Project Manager, David MacGregor, on 02 4908 7643 during business hours or david.macgregor@rms.nsw.gov.au.

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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Heavy vehicle detour

10 May 2017 – mid-June 2017

