

# Victoria Bridge, Picton upgrade

## Start of work and temporary closures

This important upgrade will improve longevity and reduce future maintenance costs for this historically significant bridge.



Victoria Bridge at Picton - in Stage 1 of the upgrade we will remove and replace the solid timber top chords that provide support for the bridge

### Our work

Transport for NSW is upgrading the historic Victoria Bridge over Stonequarry Creek, Picton. This heritage listed bridge was designed by Percy Allan and opened on 7 October 1897. It features the tallest trestles in New South Wales and is one of the oldest surviving bridges of its type.

We will upgrade the bridge in two stages:

- Stage 1 involves bracing the bridge and replacing the timber top chords that support the bridge. This work will require three months of temporary closures during the day, with some overnight closures.
- Stage 2 will involve replacing the timber support trusses that hold up the bridge. To carry out this significant work, we will need to completely close the bridge for up to four months. We will carry out this work next year following the upcoming bushfire season.

Stage 1 work will start from **Monday 19 October**, weather permitting. During this work, the bridge will be closed each day between **7am and 5pm, Monday to Friday**.

### Recent traffic incident

On Wednesday 30 September a heavy vehicle attempted to cross the bridge causing damage to guardrails and the height restriction structure. Following emergency repairs the bridge reopened the following week, however some work is still required and will be done as part of Stage 1 of the upgrade.

## Night closures

During November and December we will need to close the bridge overnight for up to 17 days. These closures will allow us to carry out work to install temporary supports and remove and replace the top supports. We will do this work at night to minimise impact to road users.

We will notify you again closer to the planned dates for these closures.

In the event of an emergency requiring the bridge to be used as an evacuation route, work can stop and the bridge can be quickly reopened to vehicle traffic.

## Traffic changes

During the temporary closures, all vehicles will need to detour via Menangle Street, Colden Street, Margaret Street, Old Hume Highway and Argyle Street. This detour will avoid school zones and help provide a smoother trip through the town centre. Please keep to the speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Access will be maintained for residents on Prince Street and pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained during the work.



## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the project team on **1800 313 075** or email [victoriabridgepicton@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:victoriabridgepicton@transport.nsw.gov.au). For more information on our projects, visit <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/victoria-bridge-upgrade/index.html>.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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