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ARTC TRACK MAINTENANCE WORK IN NOVEMBER

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) will be delivering essential railway maintenance work through North East Victoria over November, at locations between Benalla and Wodonga starting tomorrow (9 November).

The maintenance work will take place in two large 8-day blocks of work, from 7am to 6pm, 9 to 16 November and then again from 7am to 6pm, 21 to 28 November.

“We’d like to thank the community for their patience with us while this important work is delivered,” an ARTC spokesperson said.

“We’re aiming to get this done quickly and safely but unfortunately it can be noisy and dusty work.

“While we will minimise these impacts as much as possible, we would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result of the work.

“We would also like to ask motorists to take extra care and be cautious of trucks entering and exiting work sites along the rail corridor during this time.”

The maintenance work taking place – called track undercutting – includes the use of large track-mounted excavators and dump trucks delivering railway ballast into the rail corridor.

“We have an annual maintenance program which is planned months in advance which delivers targeted maintenance work and keeps the rail line safe and reliable for our freight, grain and passenger rail customers,” the spokesperson said.

“This work is delivered at no cost to the taxpayer and our operations pump millions into the community every year, supporting local jobs, businesses and communities.”

The work is expected to have little impact on train operations, taking place in track windows that are available in-between rail services.

“We would like to thank the community for its patience while this important work is undertaken.”

Work will be delivered in the rail corridor at areas including: Benalla, Winton, Wangaratta, Boralma, Springhurst, Chiltern, Barnawartha and West Wodonga.

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