

MUSWELLBROOK BRIDGES REPLACEMENT

OUTSIDE OF NORMAL HOURS CONSTRUCTION WORK

COMMUNITY NOTICE

February 2021

ARTC

6:30am Tuesday 9 February to 6:00pm Friday 12 February

Please note: construction will continue during standard construction hours outside of this period

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is replacing three rail bridges, being the Hunter River Bridge, Muscle Creek Bridge and Bridge Street Bridge over the New England Highway, with new bridges within and next to the rail corridor, in Muswellbrook, NSW. Work commenced onsite in June 2020 and we expect the project to be completed in 2022.

What are we doing in February?

We will work both **day and night** during the planned works period to reduce the length of disruption to the community and the rail network.

We will continue construction of the bridge foundations for the new bridge over Bridge Street in our upcoming planned works period.

Around 230 meters of track will also be replaced within the work area.

Some piling works (loud repeated banging) are also scheduled during this planned works period. This work will be restricted to normal construction hours and be to the west of the site between the Hunter River and Muscle Creek.

No major traffic changes are planned. Short duration road closures of under three minutes at Bridge Street may be needed under the bridge. These short closures will be scheduled outside of peak hours to decrease traffic interruptions. Traffic controls will be in place during these times.

What you can expect

The work will involve different types of equipment which will generate noise. At times, the work may be loud and possibly disruptive, particularly during the night. We will be implementing measures to minimise noise across the site during the work.

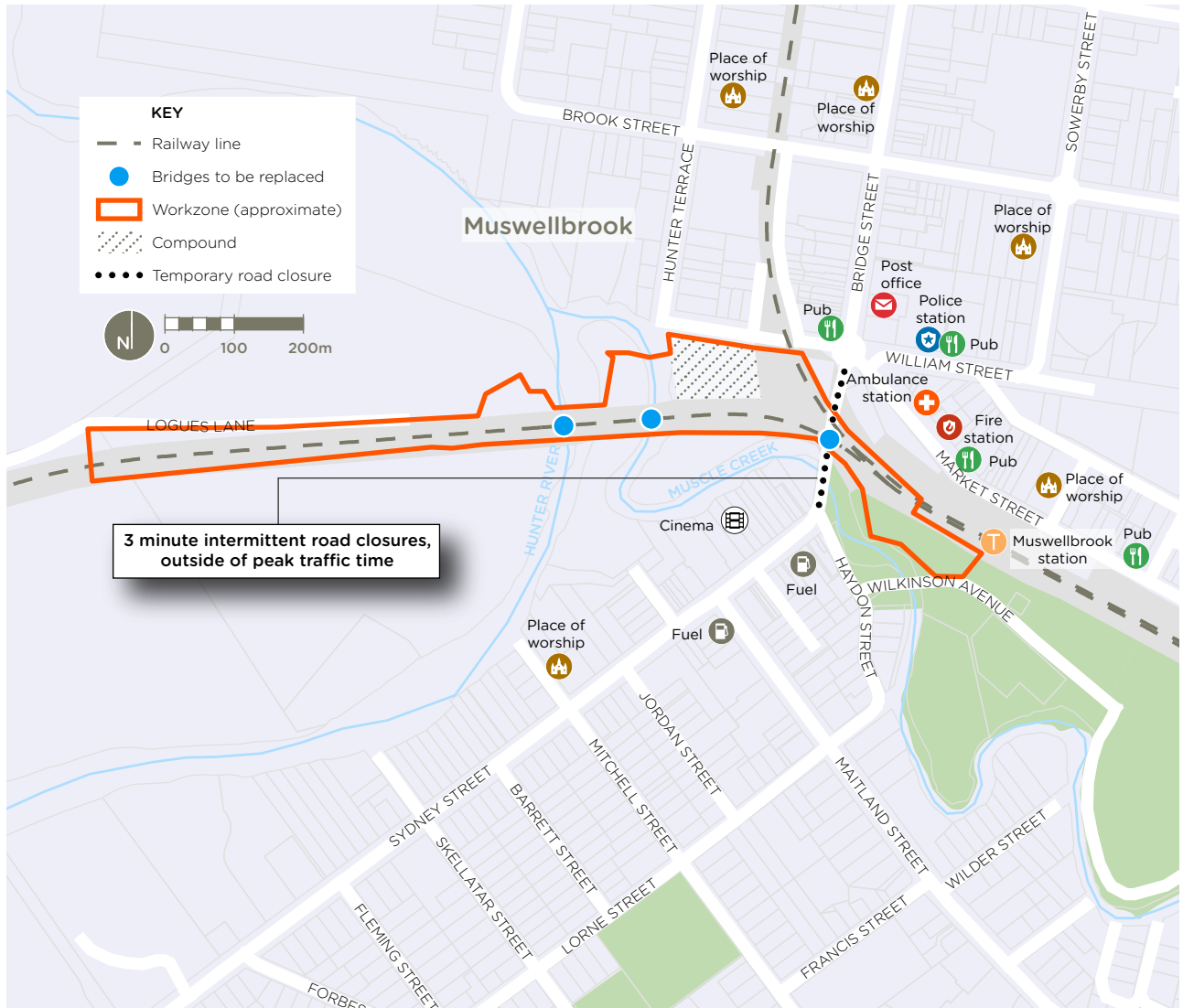
Lighting towers will be used to continue the works safely at night and will be faced away from residences and Bridge St.

What's new?

The temporary construction access bridge over Muscle Creek is now complete. This bridge provides construction access into the 'Island' between Muscle Creek and Hunter River.



Photo: Temporary construction access bridge over Muscle Creek



Normal construction hours and upcoming work

Our normal construction hours will continue from Saturday 13 February.

7.00AM TO 6.00PM - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8.00AM TO 1.00PM - SATURDAY

What else are we doing?

In addition to this project work, ARTC will also be undertaking other maintenance works across the Hunter Valley network during the February planned works period. The maintenance work we do helps to minimise disruptions to passenger services and maintain a safe and reliable rail network.

If you would like more detailed information about our maintenance and improvement work please contact our Enviroline or visit www.artc.com.au/community/track-work

The information provided is correct at the time of publishing but is subject to change due to unplanned or unexpected events such as operational changes or heavy rain.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

ARTC is committed to working with landowners, communities, state and local governments as a vital part of our planning and consultation work, and we value your input. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

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Further project updates can also be found on the ARTC Website via

<https://www.artc.com.au/community/environment/muswellbrook-bridge-replacement-project/>
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