



MUSWELLBROOK BRIDGES REPLACEMENT

OUTSIDE OF NORMAL HOURS CONSTRUCTION WORK

COMMUNITY NOTICE

November 2020

ARTC

6:30am Tuesday 17 November to 6:00pm Friday 20 November

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 two years.

What are we doing?

We will continue construction of the piled bridge foundations for the new bridge over Bridge Street in our upcoming planned works period. Whilst 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 the timing for the high noise generating piling works has been adjusted to reduce night time impact on the community.

What you can expect

The work will require a lane closure for southbound traffic on Bridge Street underneath the rail bridges, between Market and Haydon streets.

The work will involve different types of equipment which will generate noise. At times, the work is expected to be loud and possibly disruptive, particularly during the night. We will be implementing all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise noise across the site during the work and will take periods of respite where practical.

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

We have listened to your feedback

Following community feedback during the September planned works period, ARTC is committed to keeping all piling works (causing sudden, loud banging) to between 7:00am and 9:00pm each day in the November planned works period to reduce community disturbance.

Seven (7) piling events are expected to be completed during the November planned works period however it is possible for this to change due to unplanned or unexpected events such as operational changes or heavy rain.

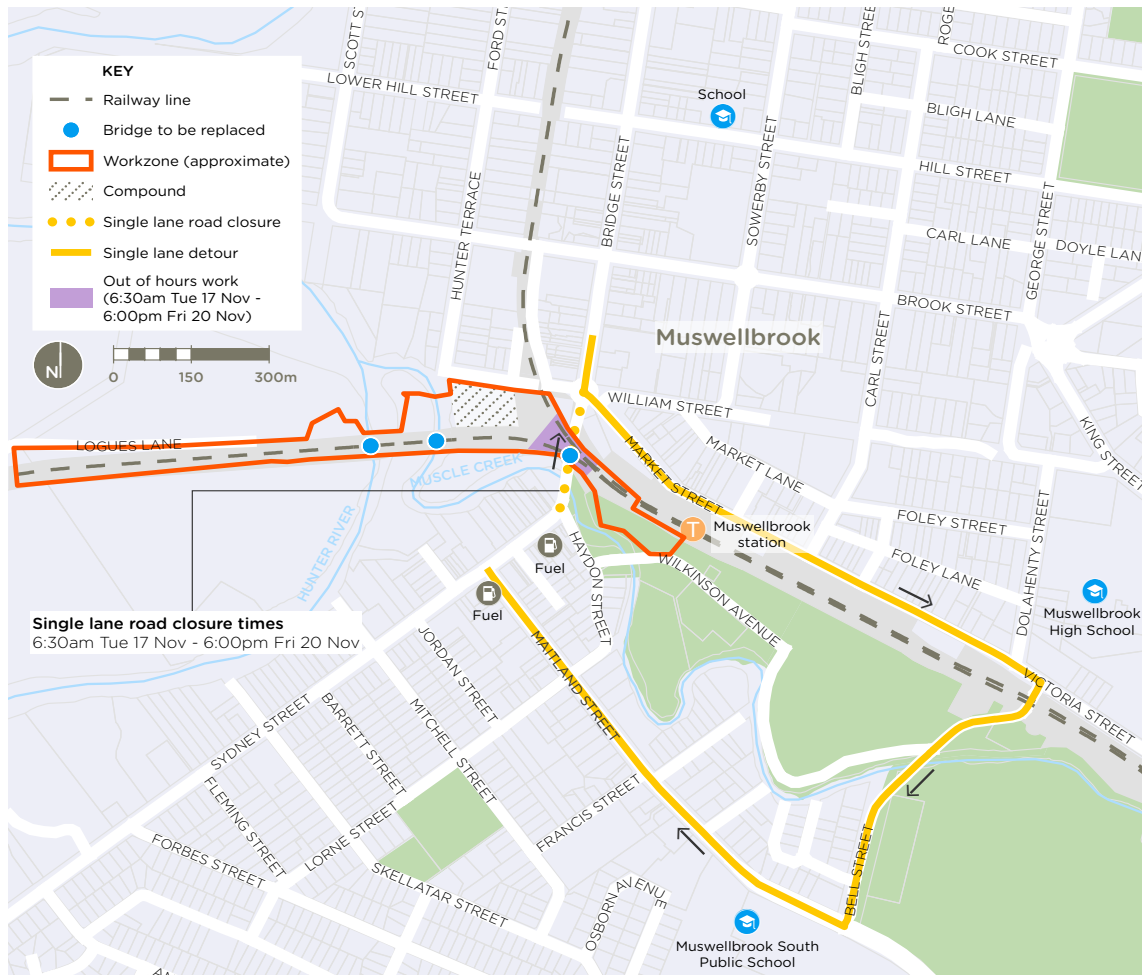
Changes have also been made to the management of traffic control in an effort to further reduce the impacts on the public of our planned lane closures.

Road and pedestrian traffic changes

The single lane road closure on Bridge Street underneath the rail bridges is required for community and worker safety during the work. Signage and traffic control will be in place at all times during the single lane closure to safely allow pedestrian and vehicle movements.

All northbound traffic will continue to use Bridge Street with traffic controls. All southbound traffic will detour via Bell Street and Market Street to maintain traffic flows. Delays of up to 10 minutes may be expected on both routes.

Please refer to the map on the reverse side showing the location of the temporary traffic changes.



Normal construction hours and upcoming work

Our normal construction hours will continue from Saturday 21 November.

7.00AM TO 6.00PM - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8.00AM TO 1.00PM - SATURDAY

Further to the piling being undertaken during the November shutdown, 12 additional piling events are expected to occur onsite during standard construction hours throughout November and December. This may include a maximum of two 30 minute piling events in a single day.

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 November 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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