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HUNTER VALLEY NETWORK SPRINGS INTO TRACKWORK NEXT WEEK

- **Trackwork from 6.30am Tuesday 10 October – 6.30am Friday 13 October**

The team at the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) and their contractor partners have set their clocks forward and preparation works are underway as they head into major maintenance works of its Hunter Valley rail network next week.

ARTC's Jonathan Vandervoort, Group Executive Hunter Valley network, said teams have been getting their heavy machinery and materials ready for the 72 hours of critical maintenance taking place **from 6.30am Tuesday 10 October until 6.30am Friday 13 October**.

The works will take place within the rail corridor from the port at Kooragang to Muswellbrook, along the Ulan rail line and from Muswellbrook north to Narrabri.

ARTC will undertake a range of scheduled maintenance tasks including full track reconstructions, new rail being laid, level crossing improvements, ballast cleaning, rail corridor tidy up works and signaling maintenance.

After a successful closedown in August, Jonathan Vandervoort said the works are essential to ensure the safety and reliability on one of the busiest rail networks in the country.

The equipment and vehicles which will be used were demonstrated at this year's Maitland Steamfest and Gunnedah AgQuip which attracted tens of thousands of people from around the Hunter Valley community and beyond.

"We would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding when we spring into action next week," Mr Vandervoort said.

"By closing sections to rail traffic, our maintenance crews can work safely and efficiently, and more work can be carried out by our crews who will be working around the clock."

The next major Hunter Valley maintenance works period is currently scheduled for 20 – 24 November.

For further information about our trackwork, visit our calendar which will give you an idea of the work that may be taking place in your area.

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