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### Targeted rail maintenance works help deliver service reliability

- Hunter Valley works occurring on the main line between the port at Kooragang and Narrabri, and on the Ulan line
- 62-hour shutdown required for safe track access from 6.30am Tuesday 21 May to 8.30pm Thursday 23 May

Scheduled rail maintenance and enhancement work will be carried out over three days on the Hunter Valley network next week.

ARTC Group Executive for the Hunter Valley Network Jonathan Vandervoort said the maintenance program involves about a thousand workers undertaking 122 jobs to help deliver service reliability.

“The work will be undertaken from the port at Kooragang and along the rail corridor to Narrabri, as well as the Ulan line west from Muswellbrook,” Mr Vandervoort said.

“Similar to other recent maintenance programs, a scheduled 62-hour shutdown is required to allow us to access the track for maintenance and upgrades that cannot be done safely when trains are running.

“The work will start at 6.30am on Tuesday 21 May and is expected to be completed about 8.30pm on Thursday 23 May.”

Motorists in Denman should note that detours will be in place due to the closure of Rosemount Road level crossing on the Ulan line during the three-day maintenance period.

“With upgrades occurring at the level crossing, including improvements to the road approaches and line-marking, road users will need to follow the signage and traffic controllers for detours,” Mr Vandervoort said.

“We apologise for the inconvenience and as always we appreciate the patience and cooperation of motorists, commuters and customers right across the maintenance program.

“We also ask people in communities close to the rail corridor to be cautious during the shutdown period and keep an eye out for increased vehicle movements in and out of work sites.”

Other works along the network include ballast cleaning, re-railing and track reconditioning. Enhancements to signalling systems will occur on the Bengalla to Mangoola section on the Ulan line and on the Werris Creek to Burilda section on the main north line, providing increased availability of the network on those lines.

With the shutdown affecting Hunter Valley train services, alternative bus services will be provided, and details and schedules can be found at the Transport for NSW [website](#).

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Caption: Scheduled rail maintenance will occur again in the Hunter Valley during several days next week.



**Link to high resolution images:**

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**Link to Hunter Valley video:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/boz67zpr3rban09/Hunter%20Valley%20overview.mp4?dl=0>