

TRACK WORK NOTIFICATION

AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION



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DEAR NEIGHBOUR

On behalf of ARTC, I hope you've had a safe and happy holiday period. Below you will find our 2019 Track Work Calendar and the 6-month Track Machine Schedule which shows upcoming planned maintenance. During these times, train operations on the Hunter Valley Network may vary and can be restricted to allow us to safely complete essential works.

For further information on our track work you can contact us on 1300 550 402 or by email to enviroline@artc.com.au.

Jonathan Vandervoort, Group Executive - Hunter Valley Network, ARTC



2019

DAY/NIGHT TRACK WORK

Hamilton to Maitland ■
 Islington to Narrabri (incl. Ulan line to Gulgong) ■

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
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JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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PLEASE NOTE Highlighted dates indicate where parts of the rail network will not be operating due to track work.

RAIL GRINDER AND TRACK MACHINE 6-MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Track machines are an essential part of our maintenance works. As track machines work during both live operations and planned maintenance periods, it can be difficult to predict their exact location ahead of time. We have included an indicative program of upcoming track machine work to provide you notice of where they are planned to be in the coming months.

We also provide information on track machine activities on the ARTC website www.artc.com.au/community/track-work/

LOCATION	JANUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE		
	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
Islington to Sandgate			✓		✓	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓			
Sandgate to Maitland			✓		✓	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓			
Maitland to Muswellbrook			✓		✓	✓				✓			✓	✓	✓			
Muswellbrook to Werris Creek	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Werris Creek to Gunnedah					✓						✓			✓	✓	✓		
Gunnedah to Narrabri					✓						✓			✓	✓	✓		
Muswellbrook to Ulan		✓						✓	✓		✓			✓				

HIGHLIGHTS GOWRIE GATES PROJECT— SINGLETON

In partnership with the NSW Roads and Maritime Services, ARTC has successfully upgraded and installed a new rail bridge at Singleton. The Gowrie Gates Bridge crosses over the New England Highway and is used by a significant amount of rail and road traffic on a daily basis.

In order to complete the upgrade safely, a diversion of the New England Highway was purpose built to redirect traffic so that cranes could lift the new bridge into place. The installation and rebuild of the bridge and associated track was completed within the November planned maintenance period. The bridge upgrade will improve both rail and traffic movements in the area.

The upgrade project commenced in early 2018 with further road works now to be completed.



SPOTLIGHT ON: BALLAST CLEANING

Ballast is the bed of crushed stones with sharp edges that interlock together to support and drain water away from the track. Over time, these sharp edges break down, reducing the ballast's effectiveness. This results in poor support to the track impeding performance and ultimately leading to safety risks, speed restrictions and noisier trains.

Regular ballast cleaning with specialised track machines is used to ensure ballast remains effective.

You may see a series of machines and wagons on our network cleaning the ballast as it moves along the track. The specialised cleaner picks up ballast and sends it via a conveyor to be sorted. The machine returns good ballast to the track while adding new ballast where needed.

We clean approximately 30kms of track each year, exclusively during track work periods.

The machines won't be in your area for long. They pass over the rail track at up to two kilometres per hour cleaning the ballast as it goes.



ARTC IN THE COMMUNITY

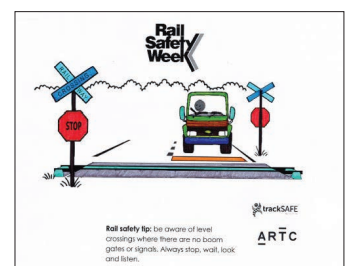
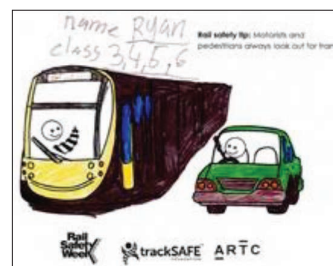
RAIL SAFETY AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS

As part of Rail Safety Week and ARTC's Junior Landcare Grant program we recently attended primary schools throughout Hunter Valley regional areas to promote the importance of rail safety.

Interactive presentations have been delivered to over 1000 primary school children and included topics such as the importance of only crossing the train tracks at designated crossing locations, the dangers of being in the rail corridor and being alert and aware of your surroundings when near the rail corridor and railway stations.

The presentations were highly engaging for the children who were also given the opportunity to ask a range of questions about the railway.

ARTC would like to thank all the schools who have participated so far. If you would like a presentation have your school contact us on **1300 550 402** or email to **enviroline@artc.com.au**



Rail Safe Artworks provided by students involved with Rail Safety Week 2018.

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