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DEAR NEIGHBOUR

We hope you've had a safe beginning to 2019. We have been very active in the past six months completing various works as well as engaging in a number of community initiatives, including the completion of the Singleton Gowrie Gates Bridge Project and participating in the Port Litter Pick-Up.

In this newsletter you will find our July to December 2019 Track Work Calendar and the 6-month Track Machine Schedule which shows upcoming planned maintenance periods for the rest of the year. During the times on the calendar most trains on the Hunter Valley Network will cease movement allowing us to complete necessary works to deliver a safe and reliable network.

For further information you can contact us on 1300 550 402 or email to enviroline@artc.com.au
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Hamilton to Maitland

2019

DAY/NIGHT TRACKWORK
JULY-DECEMBER

JULY

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If you are having trouble reading the track work calendar, or you would like to request the calendar as a fridge magnet, please contact us on 1300 550 402 or email to enviroline@artc.com.au.

RAIL GRINDER AND TRACK MACHINE 6-MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Track machines are an essential part of our maintenance works, which operate most days of the year including planned maintenance periods. It can be difficult to predict the exact location ahead of time, however we have included an indicative program of up-coming 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	JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	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				✓							✓				✓	✓		



Before



After

HIGHLIGHTS: ROSEMOUNT ROAD LEVEL CROSSING UPGRADE—DENMAN

Safety is our number one priority and following a number of concerns raised by the community regarding potholes on the approaches to Rosemount Road Level Crossing in Denman, works were undertaken in February 2019 to rectify the issue.

Due to robust planning between the Ballast, Drainage and Resurfacing teams the project was able to be completed inside four days, minimising inconvenience to the community.

The works involved resurfacing the roads leading up to the level crossing and replacing the rail, sleepers and metal covering with new and improved materials.

This prompt response has ensured the level crossing has become a smoother and safer experience for passing motorists.

ARTC IN THE COMMUNITY

PORT PICK-UP—CLEANING OUR COMMUNITIES

In May staff from the Hunter Valley Business Unit's Major Projects team participated in the Port Litter Pick Up.

The Port of Newcastle organised the environmental initiative which was attended by staff and partnering businesses to collect rubbish from areas in and around the port.

The collected waste was taken to Incitec Pivot on Kooragang Island, who hosted this year's event, for disposal via provided skip bins.

Our ARTC staff took the opportunity to collect rubbish from a section of our network – the Walsh Point Line – on Kooragang Island.

The ARTC team was crowned winners of this year's event, based on waste collected per team member. Our team's tally of 70kg per member (totalling 350kg combined) narrowly beating that achieved by last year's winner Linx Cargo Care.



Left to right: Duncan Cowie, Ewen Henderson, Clinton Patterson, Greg Cavanagh and James Dillon from ARTC taking part in the Port Litter Pick Up.



SPOTLIGHT ON: LEVEL CROSSINGS

Given level crossings are where roads intersect with the railway, maintenance of level crossings are required regularly to provide structural stability and improve the safety of the level crossing for motorists and pedestrians.

Passive crossings are fitted with signs only (stop or give way) and require the user to look both ways for approaching trains. Active road crossings are fitted with flashing lights and warning bells and occasionally with boom barriers. When an approaching train is detected, the level crossing warns users that it is not safe to cross.

There are over 1,000 'near hits' between vehicles and trains at level crossings annually. The difference between a fatal collision and a near collision at a railway level crossing can be just seconds.

Almost every near hit and incident is due to road user error, either deliberately or by accident. Trains will always have right of way in these situations as they are unable to stop suddenly, especially with the weight of loaded wagons.

In recognition of the importance of level crossing safety ARTC are promoting a Hunter Valley Level Crossing Strategy intending to raise awareness of safety issues associated with level crossings. We all need to be aware of the risks and our responsibilities when using level crossings.

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