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DEAR NEIGHBOUR

As we begin to emerge from a challenging period the value of our transport and logistics sectors have never been more important. ARTC has continued our routine maintenance of the Hunter Valley Network, which has allowed us to keep our supply chains moving. Maintenance of our network has included many high intensity projects. During our projects ARTC aims to be proactive and responsive when addressing community feedback about our works.

One of the highlights of 2020 was the opportunity for our people to connect with their local Indigenous communities by listening to their stories and participating in their ceremonies. The 2020 NADIOC week theme of *Always Was, Always Will Be* recognises that First Nations People have occupied and cared for our country for over 65,000 years and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank those who made ARTC's local NAIDOC week celebrations a genuine success.

Wayne Johnson, Group Executive - Hunter Valley Network, ARTC

RAIL GRINDER AND TRACK MACHINE 6-MONTHLY SCHEDULE

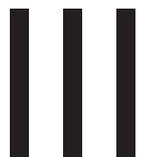
Track machines are an essential part of our maintenance works, which operate 24 hours a day, most days of the year. This includes planned maintenance periods. It can be difficult to predict the exact location ahead of time, however we have included our planned program of up-coming track machine work to provide you notice of where they are expected to be in the coming months.

For detailed information on track machine activity visit www.artc.com.au/events/

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			✓	✓	✓				✓					✓	✓			



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MUSWELLBROOK BRIDGES

ARTC commenced work on the Muswellbrook Bridges Replacement project in July 2020. The Project involves the replacement of the bridge structures that span the Hunter River, Muscle Creek and Bridge Street with two concrete bridge structures.

Preparation works have been ongoing in Muswellbrook, with the Hunter River Bridge due to begin being constructed on site in 2021. An interesting aspect of The Project is that the 170 metre long, concrete bridge that will span Muscle Creek and the Hunter River will be incrementally launched.

This method involves the concrete sections of the bridge, which are cast on site, being launched over the Creek and River from east to west section by section until they reach the other side. A large counterweight is used to make sure that the bridge remains balanced during the launching. The Project will be the first time ARTC has used this method of bridge construction.



The Bridge Street Underbridge will be constructed on site and pushed into place during one of ARTC's planned maintenance possessions in 2021.

BUILDING ON OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT

During November, as part of NAIDOC week celebrations, our teams across the Hunter Valley hosted and enjoyed many planned activities with their local Indigenous Communities. NAIDOC week 2020 provided all Australians the opportunity to embrace the complete history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

A great example of our NAIDOC week participation was held in Muswellbrook, where our Provisioning Centre hosted their inaugural NAIDOC event, special thanks to the support and dedication of Kymble Pascoe and the local team.

The Muswellbrook celebration commenced with a Welcome to Country by a local Indigenous Elder Glen Morris. Everyone then took part in an ancient custom by walking through smouldering eucalyptus leaves to ward off bad spirits – known as the smoking ceremony. A brilliant performance by a local dance group 'Waagan



Galaga/ Wakagetti' was both educational and thoroughly enjoyed by approximately 100 guests.

The team then fired up the grill and a feast of kangaroo and emu plus local fruits were enjoyed by the hungry crew.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

ARTC strives to continually improve the way that we communicate our upcoming projects to local communities.

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