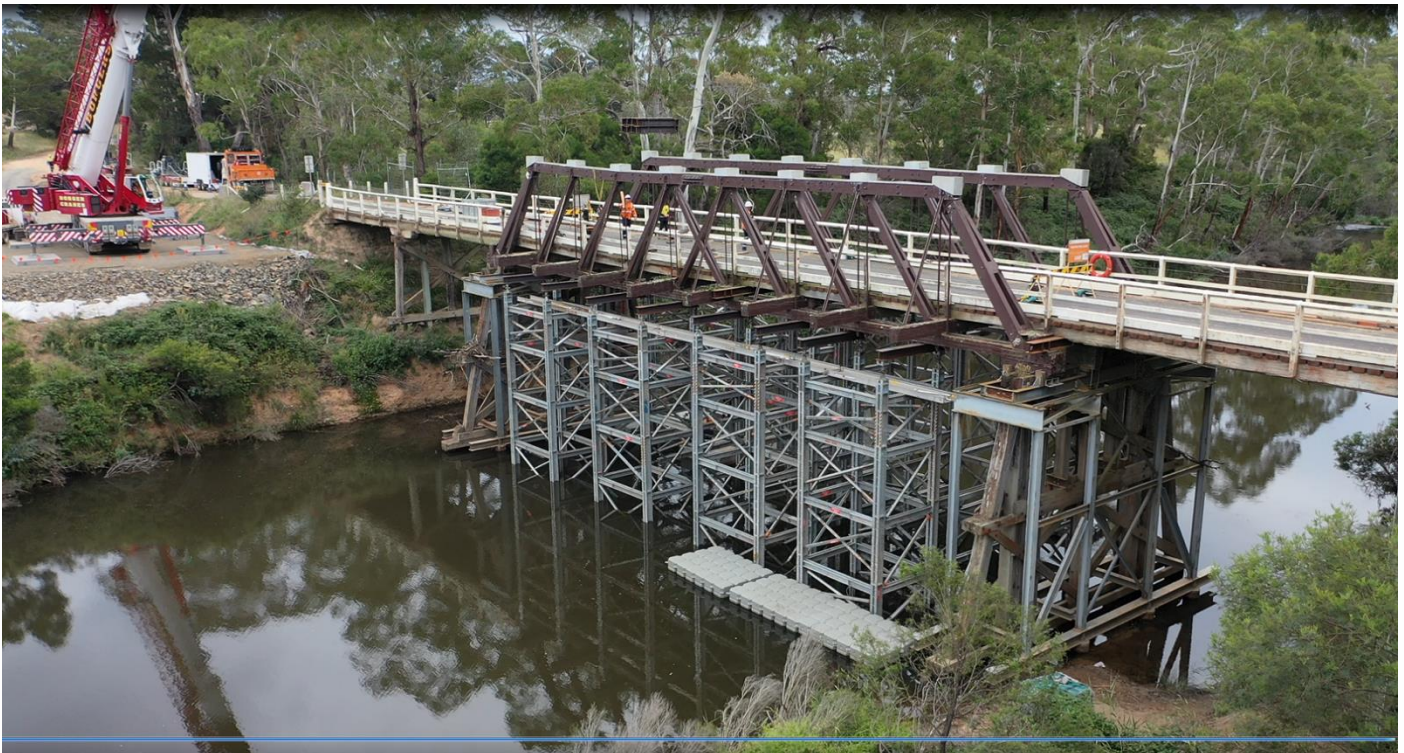




Removal of the old Charleyong Bridge from late May

Transport for NSW has built a new Charleyong Bridge over the Mongarlowe River, Charleyong. The project is jointly funded between the NSW and Australian Governments and forms part of the NSW Government's Bridges for the Bush Program.



Propping towers in place to assist with bridge removal

Bridge removal

The project team has been preparing for the old bridge removal since December 2020 by installing propping towers to assist with its removal. Unfortunately, recent rain has caused flooding in the Mongarlowe River which has dislodged these towers and work will need to be carried out to reinstate them. The propping towers will provide the necessary support as we start to remove bridge segments and will ensure that the bridge is removed safely.

Removal of the old bridge is anticipated to start in late May 2021 once the propping towers are reinstated, and will be complete by mid-2021, weather permitting.

Removal will involve carefully lifting pieces of the old bridge out of place with a 400 tonne crane. A smaller crane will carry out removal of the segments closer to land. Timber and metal elements will be recycled or re-used in accordance with Transport for NSW practice.

Heritage and interpretive signage

Built in 1901, the original bridge has a long history in the area and Transport for NSW is committed to appropriately honouring that history. Consultation continues with key heritage stakeholders and a few elements of the original bridge will be retained for display in Braidwood Museum. Additionally, the existing stone bridge abutments will be retained as a lasting tribute to the original bridge.

Interpretive signs have been developed in consultation with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Heritage Advisory Committee, Braidwood Museum and local Aboriginal groups, and will be displayed on site. The signage chronicles the history of the bridge and surrounding area. Installation of the signage will be the last piece of work carried out and is expected to be in place by mid-2021.

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