

## Heathcote Road Bridge upgrade



Transport for NSW are building a new additional bridge, parallel to the existing bridge. The new bridge will be for westbound traffic and the existing bridge will be for eastbound traffic, providing safety and traffic benefits.

### What we've been doing?

Work on the project since April has included:

- Establishing work areas, storage areas and site compounds
- Setting up environmental controls and removing vegetation for site access
- Building an access track and a temporary rock platform for equipment
- Piling and building the pier columns for the new bridge
- Excavating and widening the existing rock cutting.

### Widening the rock cutting

We have been excavating and widening the existing rock cutting to build the western approach to the new bridge.

Up to eight full weekend closures were planned for work on the rock cutting between June and September. We safely removed more than 7,500 cubic metres of material from the rock cutting using just five of these closures.

During the westbound lane closure of Heathcote Road for emergency repairs, the project team were able to work within the lane, minimising further disruption to road users.

Remaining work on the rock cutting will continue during the day and scheduled weeknight closures.

## Building the new bridge

The first stage of bridge construction is now complete. Four piles have been constructed to create a strong foundation for the bridge by connecting the piers to a layer of rock below the riverbed. These piles have been built by drilling into the ground and then filling the hole with steel reinforcing cages and concrete.

The pier columns and headstocks provide structural support from the piles in the river to the bridge deck above.

The new bridge has four octagonal shaped piers across the river complementing the existing bridge piers.

Following completion of the pier columns and headstocks, the concrete bridge girders will be delivered and installed.

More information about building the new bridge will be provided in our next project update.

## Traffic changes

Traffic changes will be in place on Heathcote Road while work is being carried out including temporary lane and shoulder closures, intermittent stop/slow traffic control and reduced speed limits.

There will also be several full weeknight road closures and additional weekend closures may be required for bridge construction and pavement work.

The detour between New Illawarra Road and Princes Highway will be in place during these closures.

We will work to minimise closures and coordinate with surrounding projects where possible. We will keep the community informed ahead of any road closures, through our website and electronic message boards.

For the latest traffic updates, you can also call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or check the Live Traffic NSW App.

## Working hours

Day work is carried out between **7am and 6pm Monday to Friday**, and between **8am and 1pm Saturday**.

Night work is carried out between **8pm and 5am Sunday to Thursday**, as required.

## Contact us

For more information about the project please contact us on **1800 313 041** or [HeathcoteRoadBridge@fultonhogan.com.au](mailto:HeathcoteRoadBridge@fultonhogan.com.au)



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## Other projects in the area

Please visit the following project websites to find out more about other projects in the area:

Heathcote Road emergency works  
[nswroads.work/heathcoteworks](https://nswroads.work/heathcoteworks)

Heathcote Road upgrade, Holsworthy  
[nswroads.work/heathcoteroad](https://nswroads.work/heathcoteroad)

Linden Street upgrade  
[nswroads.work/lindenstreet](https://nswroads.work/lindenstreet)

Heathcote Road Corridor  
[nswroads.work/heathcoteroadcorridor](https://nswroads.work/heathcoteroadcorridor)



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