

Update on maintenance work on Brig O'Johnston Bridge at Clarence Town

The NSW Government is funding essential maintenance work on the heritage listed Brig O'Johnston Bridge over the Williams River at Clarence Town.

Roads and Maritime Services has been carrying out routine maintenance of the timber trusses and the existing bailey support system on Brig O'Johnston Bridge in preparation for the future rehabilitation work.

Work has been underway since August 2016 and was scheduled to be completed by late 2016.

In recent weeks a threatened fauna species has been discovered in the vicinity of the bridge. In accordance with *Roads and Maritime's Biodiversity Guidelines* work on the bridge cannot continue during the breeding season.

As a result, work has been temporarily discontinued on the bridge. It is proposed for work to recommence in May 2017, following the conclusion of the breeding season.

We will continue to keep the community updated about the next steps to complete maintenance and rehabilitation of the bridge.

We are continuing to work with the Office of Environment and Heritage with planning progressing towards a formal application to approve rehabilitation of the heritage listed Brig O'Johnston Bridge. Following approval, we will prepare the environmental assessment and delivery options for consultation with the community.

How will the work affect you?

Usage of the waterway below the bridge will be reopened for all marine vessels from Monday 21 November. Bridge scaffolding will temporarily remain in place. A reassessment of the need for bridge scaffolding will take place in coming months.

Traffic changes

The current load limit on the bridge of 32 tonnes will remain in place. The current detour for vehicles over 32 tonnes will also remain while scaffolding is in place. We have included a map to help better explain the detour route.

The detour adds around 50 kilometres to journeys, which is about 50 minutes travel time.

The bridge will remain open to all other traffic.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App for iPhone, iPad and Android.

Contact

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Brig O'Johnston Bridge

Heavy vehicle detour

