



Transport for NSW

Victoria Bridge upgrade Stage 2

Temporary closure of Victoria Bridge and Prince Street,
Picton from Monday 21 June

May 2021



The Historic Victoria Bridge over Stonequarry Creek at Picton will be closed for four months to replace timber supports with concrete

Upgrade of the Historic Victoria Bridge

Transport for NSW is upgrading the historic Victoria Bridge over Stonequarry Creek, Picton. This heritage listed bridge was designed by Percy Allan and opened on 7 October 1897. It features the tallest trusses in New South Wales and is one of the oldest surviving bridges of its type.

Elements of the bridge, including the top timber chord and supports under the bridge, have significantly deteriorated over time and rehabilitation is essential to maintain the safety and reliability of the heritage listed bridge and ensure its continued operation.

Work to rehabilitate the bridge was planned to start in October 2020 with a full closure, but this was delayed to ensure the bridge was available as an evacuation route in the event of a bushfire. The work was then staged to mitigate further deterioration of the bridge, starting with any works that could be done while allowing to the bridge to reopened quickly if required.

Stage 1 – work completed so far

Stage 1 of the rehabilitation work was completed in early May 2021. We replaced the timber top chord structure and installed temporary supports under the bridge. Work beneath the bridge was also completed to improve support and prevent further deterioration of the structure. During the first stage of rehabilitation the bridge was closed to traffic during the day and reopened after work hours, while maintaining the ability to reopen the bridge quickly in the event of an emergency.

Stage 2 – what happens next?

The second stage of rehabilitation work will start from Monday 21 June 2021 and will take up to four months, weather permitting. Stage 2 can only be completed with a full 24/7 closure of the bridge and Prince Street to traffic. Pedestrian access will be maintained during the work.

The full closure will allow us to replace the timber support structure beneath the western end of the bridge with concrete.

We investigated different options to carry out the work efficiently while providing a safe environment for motorists and workers. But the location presents a unique space that restricts site compounds, parking and work space. It is not possible to carry out this work while Prince Street and the bridge are open to traffic.

Stage 2 has been scheduled for completion outside of bushfire season. The 24/7 closure will allow our team to complete this stage of rehabilitation work as quickly as possible and minimise impacts to residents.

Work will be carried out **between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am and 1pm Saturdays.**

We have worked with Wollondilly Shire Council and Sydney Water to identify opportunities to coordinate other essential work while the bridge is closed. Council and Sydney Water will undertake work and engage with residents separately if required.

Sydney Water work

A water main that runs across Victoria Bridge needs to be shut down and diverted during the rehabilitation work. Sydney Water will redirect the water supply and provide a temporary connection to properties impacted by the shut down. These properties will be notified by Sydney Water and we will continue to work with Sydney Water to keep residents up to date and ensure service is maintained.



Existing Timber support structure dating back to 1897 to be replaced with concrete

Location of work – Prince Street, Picton



A temporary site compound will be established on Prince Street as shown above. One lane of Prince Street will remain open at all times to allow residents to access their properties during the planned closure.



Victoria Bridge crossing Stonequarry Creek

Traffic changes

During the full 24/7 bridge closure for rehabilitation work traffic will be detoured via Menangle Street, Colden Street, Margaret Street, Old Hume Highway and Argyle Street. Please keep to the speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call **132 701**, visit livetraffic.com or download the **Live Traffic NSW App**.

During peak hours, traffic control will be present in Picton Town Centre to manage traffic flow around the intersection of Argyle Street and Menangle Street.

Transport for NSW will continue to work with Wollondilly Shire Council to improve traffic flow through Picton town centre throughout the closure.

Pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained during the work.

Improving Greater Sydney roads

Transport for NSW is planning and delivering important improvements on key roads across Greater Sydney, including Picton Bypass.

The proposed bypass would provide an alternative route for heavy vehicles by linking Thirlmere and Tahmoor with the Hume Motorway Via Picton. More information can be found on the project webpage at nswroads.work/pictonbypass

These projects will help to accommodate the growing population within Greater Sydney.

Many of these upgrades have additional facilities for new shared pedestrian and cycle paths to make it easier to access all areas on foot and by cycle.


We are committed to making Greater Sydney a better place to live, work and play by enabling people and goods to move safely, efficiently, and reliably.

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