

Warroo Bridge Replacement

Project Update

August 2024



The NSW Government is investing in replacing Warroo Bridge with a new concrete bridge. The bridge is located over the Lachlan River on Warroo Bridge Road, 46 kilometres west of Forbes.

Transport for NSW will begin preliminary earthworks for the Warroo Bridge Replacement project on **Monday 9 September 2024**.

What work are we doing?

The preliminary earthworks will involve building approach embankments to support the future construction of the new bridge.

When and where we'll be working

We will be working alongside Warroo Bridge Road on both sides of the Lachlan River from **Monday 9 September for up to eight weeks**, weather permitting. All work activities and dates are subject to weather and site conditions.

Work hours are between **7am and 6pm Monday to Saturday**. There will be no work on Sundays or public holidays.

What will this mean for you?

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the safety of road users and our workers.

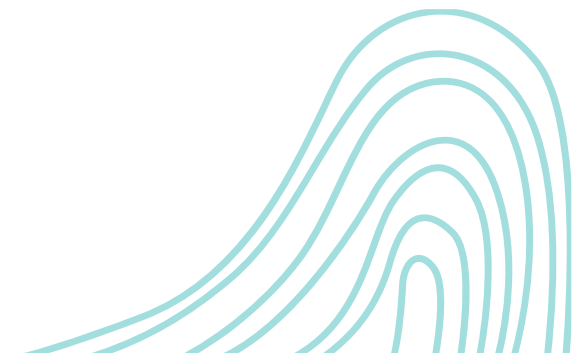
Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 80 km/h will be in place on Lachlan Valley Way from the intersection with Warroo Road during work hours.

A reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will also be in place on Warroo Bridge Road during work hours, with intermittent stop/slow traffic control required at times. The speed limit will return to the posted speed outside of work hours.

Please keep to the reduced speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. You should allow up to five minutes extra travel time during this work.

For the latest traffic updates, you can download the Live Traffic NSW app, visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or call **132 701**.

We understand that the work will generate some inconvenience and we thank you for your patience.





Project background

Warroo Bridge is a timber truss bridge which was built in 1909 and is in poor condition due to its age. It is narrow and is not suitable for use by modern agricultural equipment or heavy vehicles with Higher Mass Limit (HML) loads.

Warroo Bridge is located on Warroo Bridge Road, 46 kilometres west of Forbes and 55 kilometres south-east of Condobolin. It is the only major bridge crossing of the Lachlan River linking the Lachlan Valley Way to the Henry Parkes Way between these two towns. If the bridge is closed for maintenance, motorists face a 93-kilometre detour to travel from one side of the bridge to the other.

Warroo Bridge was on the list of NSW timber truss bridges to be preserved, however when the conservation strategy was reviewed in 2019 the bridge was identified for removal as it could not be effectively upgraded to meet future road network requirements.

The Warroo Bridge Replacement project includes constructing a new concrete bridge a few metres upstream from the existing bridge, building new approach roads on either side, and removing the old bridge once the new bridge is operational.

The existing Warroo Bridge will remain in service until the new bridge is opened to traffic.



The existing Warroo Bridge on Warroo Bridge Road

Project benefits

- Longer lasting, stronger bridge with a smoother ride
- Improved road user safety through wider travel lanes and better road approaches
- Increased load capacity for heavy vehicles
- Improved access for wide vehicles
- Reduced ongoing maintenance costs

Next steps

Tenders to build the new Warroo Bridge were called for in June 2024 and closed on Monday 26 August.

Bridge construction is expected to start by mid-2025 following the selection of a successful tenderer and the awarding of the contract.

We will continue to update the community as work on the project progresses.



Preliminary earthworks

Bridge construction

Final earthworks and pavement construction

New bridge opened to traffic

Removal of the existing bridge

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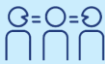
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