



Brig O'Johnston Bridge, Clarence Town

Community update

June 2025



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The NSW Government is investing in the rehabilitation of the Brig O'Johnston Bridge at Clarence Town as part of its bridge maintenance program.

Transport for NSW (Transport) is continuing to plan for the rehabilitation of the Brig O'Johnston Bridge.

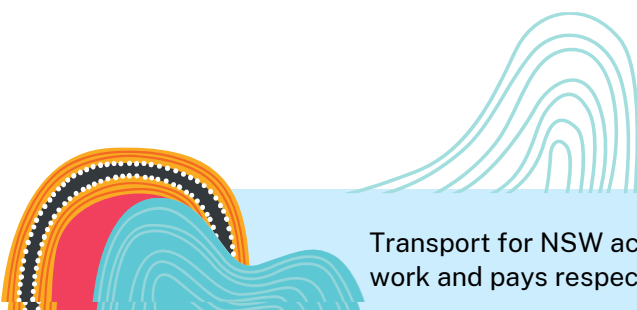
Major rehabilitation work will not start on the

Brig O'Johnston Bridge until the new Clarence Town Bridge is completed by Dungog Shire Council and open to traffic.

In this update

Find out about:

- upcoming repair work on Brig O'Johnston Bridge
- changes to alternative routes for heavy vehicles
- new Clarence Town Bridge under construction
- next steps.



Upcoming repair work on Brig O'Johnston Bridge

What work are we doing?

Transport is carrying out essential maintenance and safety improvement work.

When and where we'll be working

Transport crews will be establishing the site on

Monday 30 June and demobilising the site on **Friday 4 July**. The bridge will be open to traffic on these days.

Brig O'Johnston Bridge will be closed temporarily, with a detour in place, between **9am** and **3pm** on **Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2** and **Thursday 3 July**, weather permitting.

Further work including temporary closures of the bridge are expected in the coming months. Transport will continue to keep the community informed as planning continues.

Traffic impacts

While the Brig O'Johnston Bridge is temporarily closed, a detour for all vehicles will be available via Clarence Town Road, Italia Road, the Pacific Highway and The Bucketts Way, which is expected to add up to 50 minutes to journeys. See detour map overleaf.

Please note, Port Stephens Council has closed East Seaham Road between Italia and Limeburners Creek roads for major roadwork so motorists cannot use this as an alternative route.

Dungog Shire Council has placed a 20 tonne load limit on Glen Martin Road due to structural issues with an existing culvert at Glen William.

Drivers should plan their journey and allow extra travel time, drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

Pedestrians will not be able to use the bridge while it is closed.

Transport thanks the community for their patience during this important work.

What will this work mean for you?

You may notice:

- workers and vehicles
- traffic controllers and signage

- road closures and reduced speed limits
- noise from machinery and equipment.

Changes to alternative routes for heavy vehicles

Load restrictions remain in place on Brig O'Johnston Bridge. Articulated trucks, vehicles weighing more than 22.5 tonnes and vehicles more than 2.8 metres wide cannot use the bridge.

These vehicles can no longer use East Seaham Road as an alternative route as Port Stephens Council has closed a section of the road at East Seaham until early 2026 for major roadwork.

There is no access between Italia Road and Limeburners Creek Road on East Seaham Road.

Glen Martin Road is not suitable for heavy vehicles as there is a 20 tonne load limit at Glen William due to structural issues with an existing culvert.

Heavy vehicle drivers are required to use Italia Road instead of The Bucketts Way from the Pacific Highway and allow extra travel time – see detour map overleaf.

New Clarence Town Bridge under construction

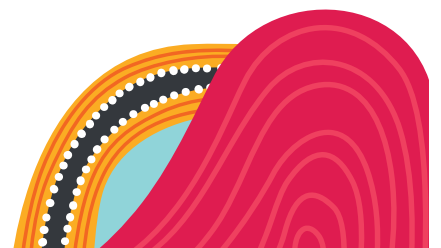
Dungog Shire Council has started construction of the new Clarence Town Bridge.

The new bridge will be built upstream of the existing Brig O'Johnston Bridge, which will be retained and rehabilitated.

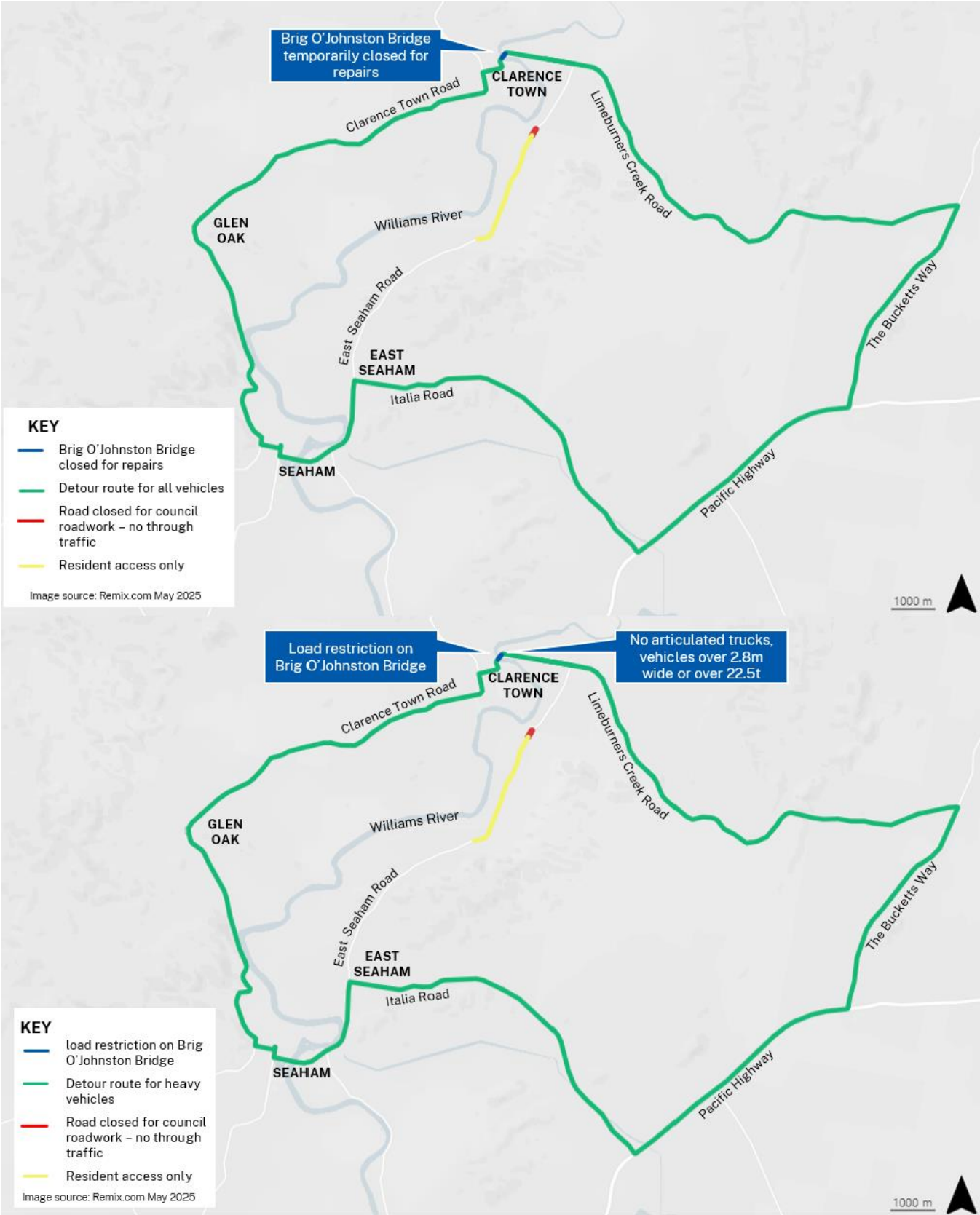
The speed limit within the construction area has been reduced to 40km/h and traffic lights are in operation with stop/slow traffic control in place, allowing motorists to pass in one direction at a time.

Dungog Shire Council will keep the community informed of any further disruptions in relation to the new bridge construction.

Maintenance of the Brig O'Johnston Bridge remains the responsibility of Transport. Transport will keep the community informed about any required maintenance work.



Map of detour routes for closure of Brig O'Johnston Bridge





Brig O'Johnston Bridge, Clarence Town (Image Source: Six Maps, May 2025).



Thank you

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Next steps

An environmental assessment (Review of Environmental Factors – REF) is currently being prepared for the Brig O'Johnston Bridge Major Rehabilitation project.

Transport is continuing to work with the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) with planning progressing towards a formal application to approve rehabilitation of the bridge.

Transport will continue to keep the community informed and liaise with the community and key stakeholders, including Dungog Shire Council, as the project progresses.

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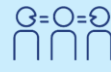
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