

Warroo Bridge Replacement

Project Update

February 2025



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

Work to build the new Warroo Bridge will start from Monday 3 March 2025 following the announcement of Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd as the successful contractor, with the new bridge expected to be open to traffic by late 2026.

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
- removing the old bridge once the new bridge is operational.

A new concrete 56 metre long three-span Super T girder bridge will replace the existing aging timber truss bridge which does not meet modern design standards or current and future road network requirements.

When and where we're working

We will be working alongside Warroo Bridge Road on both sides of the Lachlan River from **Monday 3 March until late 2026**, weather permitting.

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

We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

What will this mean for you?

There will be temporary traffic changes to ensure the safety of road users and our workers during construction. These include:

- A reduced speed limit of 80 km/h on Lachlan Valley Way from the intersection with Warroo Road during work hours. The speed limit will return to the posted speed outside of work hours.
- Traffic control including temporary traffic lights, single lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h on Warroo Bridge Road during work hours. Outside of work hours, a 60km/h speed limit will be in place.

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.

Electronic Variable Message Signs (VMS boards) will be placed along the Lachlan Valley Way to communicate potential delays to motorists.

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



Why does Warroo Bridge need to be replaced?

The existing 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 crossing of the Lachlan River linking the Lachlan Valley Way to the Henry Parkes Way between these two towns. If the existing bridge is closed for maintenance, motorists face a 93 kilometre detour to travel from one side of the bridge to the other.

The Lachlan Valley Way is an important thoroughfare for farmers who produce livestock and other primary resources in the area and therefore has a high proportion of heavy vehicle usage.

The narrow 4.5 metre width of the existing single-lane Warroo Bridge limits the movement of farm machinery and makes the bridge vulnerable to damage from wide vehicles, while the 42.5 tonne load limit excludes modern heavy vehicles with HMLs from using the bridge.

The new bridge will address both of these issues by meeting the current traffic loading standards and providing two-way, 3.25-metre lanes and one metre shoulders.

Construction facts

- The new 56 metre bridge will have two-way, 3.25 metre lanes and one metre shoulders.
- The new bridge will be capable of accommodating Higher Mass Limit (HML) vehicles, meaning B-doubles and other modern heavy vehicles will be able to use it.
- The existing Warroo Bridge will remain open to traffic throughout construction of the replacement bridge and will be removed completely once the new bridge is operational.

Managing our impacts

We aim to manage our work to minimise impacts to the community and the environment.

The new bridge will be built just a few metres upstream from the existing bridge to minimise the extent of approach roadworks and disruption to traffic using Warroo Bridge Road.

Construction of the new bridge will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

We will stage construction to minimise impacts to traffic and ensure access is maintained to residences at all times.



The existing Warroo Bridge

Preliminary earthworks

Preliminary earthworks for the Warroo Bridge Replacement project started in September 2024 and were completed in November 2024.

The preliminary earthworks involved building approach embankments to support the future construction of the new bridge. This work was carried out by Forbes Shire Council on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Forbes Shire Council will also complete the final earthworks and pavement construction, after Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd have finished building the new bridge.

Transport for NSW is pleased to partner with both Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd and Forbes Shire Council to deliver a safer, stronger, wider and more reliable Warroo Bridge that will increase efficiency for the agricultural industry and freight operators and will help to keep our regional communities connected.



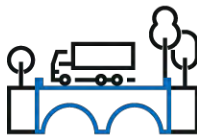
Warroo Bridge Replacement preliminary earthworks, November 2024



Improved
road user safety



Increased access
for wide and heavy vehicles



Longer lasting,
stronger bridge



Reduced
maintenance costs

Project benefits

- **Improved road user safety:** Wider travel lanes and better road approaches will enhance safety.
- **Increased access:** Better access for wide vehicles and increased load capacity for heavy vehicles.
- **Longer lasting, stronger bridge:** The new bridge will provide a smoother ride for all road users.
- **Reduced maintenance costs:** The new bridge will lower ongoing maintenance expenses.

We will continue to update the community as work progresses. Please don't hesitate to contact the project team if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the project.

Next steps



Artist's impression of the new Warroo Bridge

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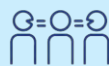
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