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HISTORIC LUSKINTYRE BRIDGE PAINT JOB

Roads and Maritime Services reminds motorists of changed traffic conditions on Luskintyre Road to continue painting the historic Luskintyre Bridge across the Hunter River at Luskintyre.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Scot MacDonald MLC said the NSW Government has allocated $4.9 million to paint the bridge which is used by more than 600 vehicles daily.

“Preliminary work to prepare the 111 year old bridge for a new coat of paint started in December last year and will continue until the end of this month when major painting work will start,” Mr MacDonald said.

“Initial work involved scaffolding and painting two piers below the deck of the bridge.”

“At the end of January one lane of traffic will be used for workers to safely install scaffolding along the bridge.”

Mr MacDonald said from Monday 1 February a 30 tonne load restriction applies for heavy vehicles using the bridge until painting work is completed. Heavy vehicle detours are available via Branxton and Elderslie or through Bolwarra Heights until the end of July.

“A reduced 40 km/h speed limit will remain in place 24 hours a day during the bridge painting project.”

“Motorists should plan their trip, allow extra travel time and follow the direction of traffic control and all signs, including reduced speed limits.”

“The bridge restoration project is expected to be completed by September this year, weather permitting.”

For more information about the project visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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