WORK CONTINUES ON BARHAM BRIDGE

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has finalised the next stage of work to upgrade the Barham Bridge over the Murray River at Barham.

John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling said after consultation with the community, the restoration program would continue next month, weather permitting.

“The nature of the work will require the bridge to be closed at times to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

“The bridge will close to all traffic between 9.30am and 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.30pm on Wednesday 15 August and Thursday 16 August to enable a crane to install counterweights and fittings for the new steel wire ropes.

“A full day closure is scheduled from 8am to 6pm on Sunday 19 August for the installation of the new steel wire ropes.

“On Tuesday 21 August, Wednesday 22 August and Thursday 23 August the bridge will close from 10pm to 7am so scaffolding can be removed.

“A test lift has been scheduled for Monday 27 August and the bridge will be closed from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

“While the test lift is being carried out, there will be no access to motorists or pedestrians, including emergency vehicles.

“A further closure may also be needed on Tuesday 28 August.

“Motorists may also experience delays of up to 15 minutes on the hour from 10am to 3pm outside of the closures.

“The work will ensure one of the oldest lift span structures on the Murray River continues to service the local and travelling community well into the future,” Mr Williams said.

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