SWAN HILL BRIDGE RESTORATION CONTINUES

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is continuing with restoration work on the liftspan of Swan Hill Bridge over the Murray River which will see a number of changed traffic conditions in place in coming months.

This includes alternating traffic conditions and full closures.

John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling invited the community to provide comments and feedback on the planned closures to ensure disruptions are kept to a minimum.

“The proposed schedule for the bridge closures is tentative only, and all feedback will be considered.”

Full closures are planned on the weekends of:
- 18 and 19 August
- 25 and 26 August
- 1 and 2 September

On these days, the bridge is planned to close from 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays and between 1pm and 5pm on Sundays.

The bridge is also planned to be closed on Sunday 26 and Thursday 30 August from 10pm to 7am.

Outside of these full closures alternating traffic conditions and traffic controls will be in place on the bridge from next Monday until mid September.

Most of the work will be carried out from 7am to 5pm, weather permitting. Delays of up to twenty minutes are expected.

Some additional work will also be carried out from Tuesday 7 to Thursday 9 August between 10pm and 7am where delays of up to one hour can be expected.

During the bridge closures B-doubles will be detoured via Tooleybuc Bridge and all other vehicles via Nyah Bridge.

The Speewa Ferry, which provides transport for vehicles up to eight tonnes will also operate 24 hours a day during the work.

Pedestrians will have restricted access to crossings and footpath areas.

Comments on bridge closures should be provided by 5pm Friday 3 August and can be sent to wagga.wagga.regional.office@rms.nsw.gov.au or by phone on (02) 6938 1111.

Mr Williams said the $2.5 million restoration work on the liftspan will restore a service which has been unavailable for the past few years.

“RMS is keen to see the liftspan back in working order by mid September so the boats travelling down the Murray River to attend the Paddle Steamer Melbourne Centenary event at Mildura on 9 September can pass under the bridge,” Mr Williams said.

“This heritage-listed bridge is a very important asset in the local community, which is why the NSW Government is committed towards its restoration.
“This work will not only improve safety but also increase the life of this historical structure and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

“RMS thanks the community for their patience while this essential work is carried out.”

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