

Across the Bridge

Sydney Harbour Bridge Community Update



Sydney Harbour Bridge on New Year's Eve 2017

Roads and Maritime Services are continuously working to provide improved safety, unprecedented access and simpler connections across the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Last year we met a number of key milestones, moving us closer to making sure the bridge caters for the changing needs of a modern Sydney. The southern toll plaza was put into its final lane arrangement following removal of the old toll booths and community consultation

was carried out for a number of projects, which aim to improve access and remove outdated infrastructure on the bridge.

General and routine maintenance of the bridge is ongoing with our painting program as well as our lantern replacement program.

Southern Toll Plaza Precinct Upgrade

In March this year the southern toll plaza precinct was moved into its final lane arrangement with all major work completed.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all residents and motorists for their patience during this important work. A decrease in delays travelling through this area has been observed since moving into the final lane arrangement. The area will continue to be monitored.

Northern Toll Plaza Precinct Upgrade

We sought community feedback on the proposed upgrade to the northern toll plaza precinct in October 2017. The proposal would remove the redundant northern toll booths and simplify traffic lanes through this area.

We are currently reviewing the feedback received during consultation and further refining the design. We will publish a report responding to all feedback we received later this year.



Artist's impression of the completed southern toll plaza precinct

New contract awarded for tourism activities on the Sydney Harbour Bridge

After almost two decades, the contract for tourism activities on the Sydney Harbour Bridge will change hands.

Hammons Holdings Pty Ltd, the operators of Scenic World in the Blue Mountains, the most-visited privately-owned tourist attraction in Australia, have been awarded a 20-year contract to operate the internationally renowned Sydney Harbour bridge climb attraction.

The new contract term will start from 1 October 2018. Tickets purchased prior to 1 October 2018 will remain valid for the date booked.

For more information visit hammonsholdings.com.au or for stakeholder and ticketing inquiries please contact the Hammons Holdings enquiry line on 1800 955 000.



Sydney Harbour Bridge looking through the arch

Sydney Harbour Bridge Access Lifts

Roads and Maritime is installing lifts to the Sydney Harbour Bridge pedestrian walkway at Kirribilli and The Rocks to ensure everybody can enjoy the experience of being on one of Australia's most recognisable landmarks.

Work to install the new lifts started in March this year. Construction is expected to take about eight months to complete, weather permitting.



Artist's impression of the proposed lift at Cumberland St, The Rocks



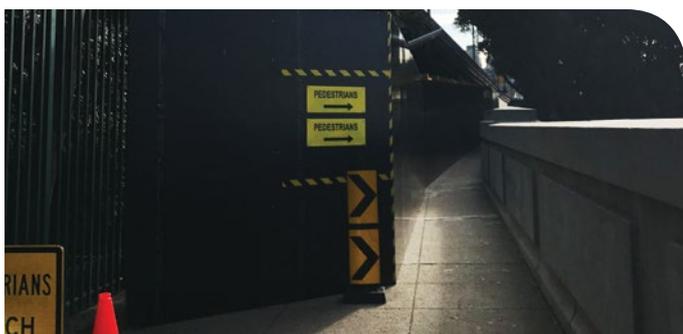
Artist's impression of the lift at Broughton St, Kirribilli

Walkway closures

As part of the Access Lifts project, work to adjust drainage and remove and replace sections of asphalt on the Sydney Harbour Bridge pedestrian walkway has started. To carry out the work on the walkway, a temporary compound is in place restricting access to one half of the pedestrian walkway.

We will also need to carry out up to 20 full closures of the walkway at night to complete this work.

Further information about these access restrictions can be found on the project website rms.nsw.gov.au/sydneyharbourbridge.



Temporary compound on the Sydney Harbour Bridge pedestrian walkway

Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway access proposals

Roads and Maritime is working on two proposals to improve accessibility to the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway at both the northern and southern ends.



Artist's impression of the Sydney Harbour Bridge cyclist access project

Southern Cycleway

Consultation on the Review of Environmental Factors for the southern cycleway was carried out in December 2017. We are currently reviewing feedback received during the consultation. We will publish a submissions report responding to feedback later this year.



Artist's impression of the proposed Sydney Harbour Bridge southern cycleway connection looking south

Northern cycle ramp

Consultation on a concept design for the northern cycle ramp was also carried out in December 2017. We are continuing to liaise with key stakeholders and further develop the design for this proposal. Further community consultation will also be carried out at a later date.



The existing steps on the north Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway

Repainting the Bridge

Regular repainting of the steelwork on the Sydney Harbour Bridge is an essential maintenance activity, which is the most important factor in conserving the structure. Around 485,000 square metres of steelwork (about 60 football fields) need to be painted, with 30,000 litres of paint required to give the bridge just one coat.

We are continuing work on the northern side of the bridge removing old paint and repainting within the containment units underneath the walkway and cycleway.

The containment structures are necessary to carry out this work to ensure that lead-based paint will be removed from the steel without posing a risk to the environment.

Repainting South Portal Frame

Work is being carried out on the steel columns and framework in front of the south pylon on the Sydney Harbour Bridge. This is known as the South Portal Frame. Work to complete this painting includes setting up a site compound at the base of the columns, scaffolding the frame and installing a containment structure to complete the painting work.

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Steel repaired and repainted on the southern spans of the Bridge.



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