Ballyrogan Bridge replacement

August 2026

WaterNSW is delivering a replacement bridge over the Lake Brewster Inlet Channel that will be longer lasting, stronger, and higher to improve safety for all road users.

Latest news

Work to replace the Ballyrogan Bridge over the Lake Brewster Inlet Channel on the Lachlan Valley Way is progressing well with the newly constructed temporary bridge passing quality assurance inspections. Carried out by a certified contractor, quality assurance checks ensure engineering and safety standards have been met to allow for safe diversion of traffic from the existing bridge.

With the temporary bridge now safely in use, demolition of the existing bridge has commenced.

Throughout August, weather permitting, temporary coffer dams will be installed upstream and downstream of the structure which will allow for dewatering (draining) of the area. The coffer dams are installed in the form of interlocking sheet piles which create a dry and stable work environment.

Once excavation has occurred and the area behind the sheet piles is safe and dry, new footings will be installed for the replacement bridge.

The upstream and downstream coffer dams will be installed one at a time to minimise disruptions to the water flow in the Ballyrogan channel.

At most, water flow will be reduced by about 35% while each coffer dam is in place. WaterNSW is working closely with customers and Carrathool Shire Council to ensure stakeholders and the local community are informed as the project progresses. We thank the community for their cooperation with changed traffic conditions while work is being completed.

Commencement of pile driving works

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the work be carried out?

Work commenced in late-March 2026 and may take place between 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday. There will be no work on Sundays, public holidays, or nightworks.

Will the work have environmental impacts?

WaterNSW is committed to carefully managing environmental impacts of the work. All potential impacts of the work will be considered as part of the environmental assessment and ways to reduce or mitigate impacts to the environment or cultural heritage sites will be implemented where relevant. The project is required to consider all relevant legislative Acts, including Environmental, Planning and Heritage, before work is approved.

Will there be impacts to water delivery?

To build the new bridge footings, temporary sheet piles (coffer dams) will be placed in the channel at each end of the bridge. These will be installed one at a time to minimise disruptions to the water flow in the channel. At most, water flow will be reduced by about 35% for 2-3 weeks while each coffer dam is in place (4-6 weeks total).

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like further about the project, please email WaterNSW at engagement@waternsw.com.au or visit waternsw.com.au/projects/bally-rogan-bridge-replacement.

How can the community stay informed?

WaterNSW will continue to work closely with key stakeholders including the local community, nearby properties, water customers, First Nations communities and other government agencies as the project progresses.

To subscribe to our project updates, please email engagement@waternsw.com.au.

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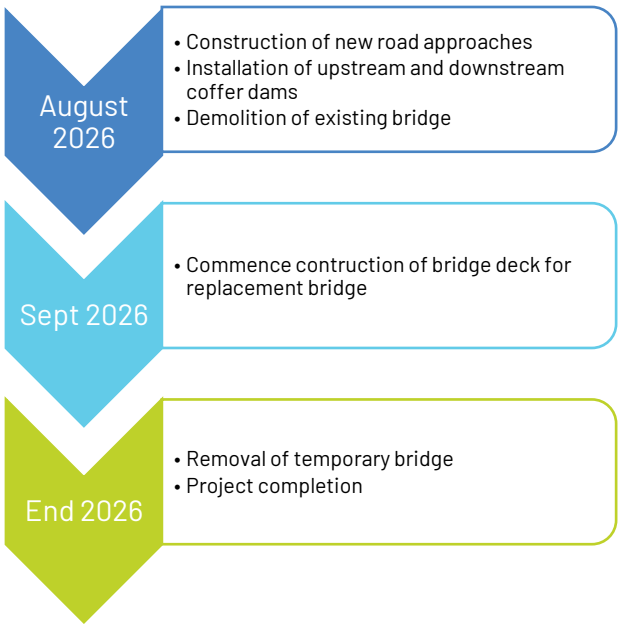
Project timeline (as at August 2026)