

TRACK WORK NOTIFICATION

AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION



DEAR NEIGHBOUR

The Hunter Valley rail network is one of the busiest in the country, and ARTC's role in managing and operating the network is vital to our communities and industries.

As our neighbours, you'll know that rail maintenance can be noisy. We work hard to minimise the impact of our work on our neighbours, but sometimes increased noise, vibration or local traffic are unavoidable. To better support our local communities, we have established the new ARTC Community Line, which will replace Enviroline as your contact point for queries about our work. The phone number hasn't changed – you can still reach us on 1300 550 402 or our new email address, community@artc.com.au. Our Community team is always happy to answer your questions.

As always, we thank you for your support of our work to keep the Hunter moving.

Clinton Crump, Acting Group Executive, Operations

| ARTC | DA | DAY/NIGHT TRACK WORK | | | | | | | | | | |
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RAIL GRINDER AND TRACK MACHINE 6-MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Track machines are an essential part of our maintenance works, which operate 24 hours a day, most days of the year. This includes planned maintenance periods. It can be difficult to predict the exact location ahead of time, however we have included our planned program of upcoming track machine work to provide you notice of where they are expected to be in the coming months.

For detailed information on track machine activity visit www.artc.com.au/events/

| LOCATION | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | | | | | | | |
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| Maitland to Muswellbrook | | | ~ | ~ | | | | | ~ | ~ | | ~ | | ~ | | | | |
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| Muswellbrook to Ulan | | | | ~ | | ~ | ~ | ~ | | ~ | | | | ~ | | | | |





Steamfest on track as crowd favourite

Fifty thousand people descended on Maitland for the annual Hunter Valley Steamfest over the weekend of 13 and 14 April. The event welcomed two grand steam locomotives and several historic diesel engines to the Maitland Railway Station Precinct. A highlight of the weekend was the ARTC Great Train Race. The two mighty steam engines pulled carriages of excited passengers, from Newcastle to Maitland, and if you were to glance above to the skies, a DH-82 Tiger Moth biplane also gunned for the finish line. What a sight these three made!

ARTC was a popular sponsor, with visitors engaging with our volunteer staff. There were live demonstrations, free activities and the return of the popular colouring-in competition, which received over 1200 entries.





Paying tribute to our Anzac heroes

Did you know ARTC Network Control co-ordinate with train operators to pause rail movements during national memorial services?

Each year we work with local RSLs and councils to make sure trains don't disturb services for Anzac Day, Long Tan Day and Remembrance Day.

ARTC recognises that Anzac services are a special time to pause and reflect on how grateful we are to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, as well as to those who currently serve in our defence forces.

Rail safety for kids

Lots of children cross the railway line every day in Australia, but did you know it's illegal to cross the tracks anywhere other than at the designated pedestrian crossing?

Sadly, lots of people think that 'taking a shortcut' is safe, but the truth is it can take a train up to 2km to stop.

This is why you should always **STOP. LOOK. LISTEN. THINK.** before crossing the train tracks.

Download a copy of our kids' Rail Safety Quiz by visiting artc.com.au







