

## Parkes to Narromine



### JULY NEWSLETTER

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#### Latest from the construction forum

In a first, the Parkes to Narromine Quarterly Construction Forum was held online on Wednesday 24 June.

Participation was high and overall response, positive.

Topics covered included construction updates from six locations, status of work on level crossings, and details of community benefits.

The presentation is now available online at [inlandrail.artc.com.au/P2N](http://inlandrail.artc.com.au/P2N)

#### Construction update

Works are progressing well as the Parkes to Narromine section of Inland Rail nears completion.

May/June achievements include:

- ▶ completing landscaping at two locations  
– Wards Lane to Trewilga Road, and Peak Hill to Tomingley West Road
- ▶ laying rail between Bogan Road and Parkes
- ▶ continuing track works, including tamping and stressing of the rail.

To date, construction has included:

- ▶ laying 141,000 sleepers, 85km of rail and 224,000 tonnes of ballast
- ▶ completing 72km of tamping, adjusting the rail into place, and 700,000m<sup>2</sup> of landscaping
- ▶ installing 16 turnouts
- ▶ using 1,490,000 tonnes of imported track formation materials
- ▶ stabilising the track with 183,000m<sup>3</sup> of general fill, all re-used from site materials
- ▶ backfilling 95 per cent of culverts.



*Rail sleepers laid by specialised machinery*

## Safety first!



**Stop at the signs  
and look out for trains**

**STOP  
ON RED  
SIGNAL**

**Ballast and  
construction trains  
are still active**



**More level crossings  
are now being tested**





## Site revegetation well underway

Our Environment team is focussed on rehabilitating completed areas along the Parkes to Narromine route.

Around 172,000 square metres of hydromulch – a mix of seeds and mulch designed to control erosion, stop weeds and revegetate open space – is now on the ground.

Hydromulch is tailored to local conditions and comprises a cover crop, perennial and native grasses, fertilisers, ameliorants to improve soil and encourage germination, compost, binders and water. Each mix is adjusted and then sprayed onto each site.

A micro-habitat for long term perennial and native grasses is created as initial fast growth dies off.

Favourable weather conditions, including much needed rain, has boosted results in the past six months.



*Native vegetation planted near the North-West connection*

## New community grants announced

Several local groups recently received grant funding from our Community Sponsorships and Donations program for the following initiatives:

- ▶ new projection equipment – Central West Astronomical Society Inc
- ▶ Steam Ahead online tools – Macquarie Darling Work Placement
- ▶ Domestic Violence Kits – Parkes Que Club
- ▶ new broadcasting equipment – Silo FM 89.5.

Inland Rail offers quarterly sponsorships and donations of between \$1000 and \$4000 to eligible community organisations.

Applications for the next round open on 1 August and close on 31 October for activities held from December 2020 to February 2021.

See the Inland Rail Community Sponsorships and Donations program guidelines at [inlandrail.artc.com.au/sponsorships](http://inlandrail.artc.com.au/sponsorships) or email [IRCommunitySponsorships@artc.com.au](mailto:IRCommunitySponsorships@artc.com.au) for more information.

## Josh's awesome IR scholarship

Narromine resident Josh Irvine describes his Inland Rail Scholarship as “pretty awesome”.

“I did work in my gap year, but I would have seen all my savings go to get me through uni,” he said.

“This really relieves a lot of the financial stress and frees up a bit more time to study, and not work as many hours to fund my cost of living.”

Josh has his heart set on making a difference once he completes his Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science at the Port Macquarie campus of Charles Sturt University.

While the 19-year-old is the eldest of three children and comes from a strong line of farmers, Josh is following in the footsteps of his parents by going to university.



*Josh Irvine*

## Want to know more?

ARTC is committed to working with landowners, communities, state and local governments as a vital part of our planning and consultation work, and we value your input. If you have any questions or comments about this fact sheet, please let us know.

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