



# Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 update

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## Introduction

Welcome to our first Narrabri to North Star - Phase 1 project quarterly newsletter.

In this and future newsletters, we will keep you informed of current and upcoming works, introduce key members of the Trans4m Rail team and explain how construction impacts are being mitigated and rail safety is being managed during construction.



*Sod turning event in Moree on 27 November 2020*

## Work has started

Following award of the Narrabri to North Star - Phase 1 contract to Trans4m Rail (a Joint Venture between John Holland and SEE Civil) and an official 'sod turn' of the project in Moree in late 2020, work is underway to deliver this 171km section.

In early January 2021, low impact works along the railway line commenced ahead of major construction starting in early April 2021.

## Works are currently underway

### Environmental monitoring

Installing weather monitoring stations and undertaking water quality and dust monitoring.

### Site surveying

Determining property boundaries and installing survey markers along the alignment.

### Construction of storage compounds

- ▶ clearing areas designated for earthworks and vegetation removal
- ▶ creating hard surface areas for vehicles and site compounds
- ▶ delivery of machinery, construction equipment and worker facilities.

### Track foundation trials at Gurley

Removing sections of track along the alignment, including the track foundation, and installing new lime-stabilised foundations to ensure track durability.



*Track removal as part of the track foundation trials at Gurley.*



## Introducing the Trans4m Rail Team

**Jon Holmes**  
Trans4m Rail, Project Director



Jon leads the team and brings over 20 years' experience to the project. Jon is committed to delivering N2NS - Phase 1 as part of Australia's largest freight rail infrastructure project.

**Cameron Pahor**  
Trans4m Rail, Area Manager – Earthworks



Cameron is a Civil Engineer with over 15 years' experience in construction and civil engineering, including road construction and large-scale infrastructure projects. Cameron is dedicated to ensuring that this project is delivered in a safe and timely manner.

**Greg Hopkins**  
Trans4m Rail, General Superintendent



Greg has extensive experience in making sure projects are delivered successfully and on time by working closely with the engineers and subcontractors. Greg is a strong believer in safety, community and the environment.

**Jodie Grant – Trans4m Rail, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager**



Jodie has widespread communications and stakeholder management experience having worked on Australia's largest infrastructure projects. Jodie understands that construction can impact local communities, and with support from the construction teams, will keep you fully informed.

## Working for Trans4m Rail

Great people come from all walks of life. Trans4m Rail is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workforce that reflects the communities we work in.

Opportunities are available for reliable and highly motivated individuals to join the project team. You will need to be committed to safety, community and environmentally friendly work practices and achieving quality results in everything you do.

Employment opportunities are open to people who have had previous experience in the civil construction and rail industry and want to further develop their skills. New entrants to the industry looking for career progression are also encouraged to apply.

Opportunities for direct employment will be available to youth, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people residing along the project alignment.

If you want to join a team delivering a part of an iconic infrastructure project, then please visit [trans4mrail.com.au](http://trans4mrail.com.au) for further information.



*New starters - Mark and Wayne*

## Workers' accommodation and site offices

In preparation for construction, Trans4m Rail is setting up a primary office in Moree and developing a temporary workers' village that will house up to 350 workers.

Trans4m Rail has secured a lease on the former Moree Pharmacy and M&G Travel sites at 66–68 Balo Street, Moree. This space will be fitted out over the coming weeks to accommodate up to 120 staff. Additional satellite offices will be investigated in the Bellata and Croppa Creek areas.

Land has also been secured at Carmine Munro Avenue, near the Moree Airport for workers' accommodation. The construction and operation of this facility will benefit the local region through direct employment and spending in the local economy with suppliers of food, cleaning, laundry services and vehicle and plant maintenance.

Staff living and working at the village will have access to a dining room and recreational areas. No shops will be located within the facility, demonstrating our commitment to support local businesses. In addition, no alcohol will be supplied at the workers' accommodation.



*Artist impression – Moree workers' accommodation village*

### Three month works lookahead

#### February 2021

- + Track foundation trials at Milguy
- + Commence construction of the temporary workers' facility at Moree
- + Delivery of precast concrete culverts to commence
- + Trans4m Rail's Moree office to be completed for occupancy
- + Ongoing construction of storage compounds.

#### March 2021

- + Continue construction of storage compounds
- + Continue construction of the temporary workers' facility
- + Ongoing delivery of precast concrete culverts
- + Ongoing track foundation trials north of Milguy.

#### April 2021

- + Major construction activities commence
- + Full closure of the track between Moree and Penneys Road
- + Construction of the temporary workers' facility completed
- + Workforce, subcontractor and supplier onboarding program continues.

### Staying safe near construction sites

Trains and track-based equipment will operate throughout construction of the N2NS - Phase 1 project.

Motorists and rail users will notice increased activity at level crossings and some local roads as construction material will mostly be delivered via road.

Work also involves using heavy machinery and vehicles both within the rail corridor and travelling to and from construction sites.

Please follow the road rules when driving across level crossings and stop and give way to any oncoming trains or other construction equipment using the track.

For your safety, please do not enter the rail corridor or construction area, use caution when driving or walking, and always observe signage.

### Construction path

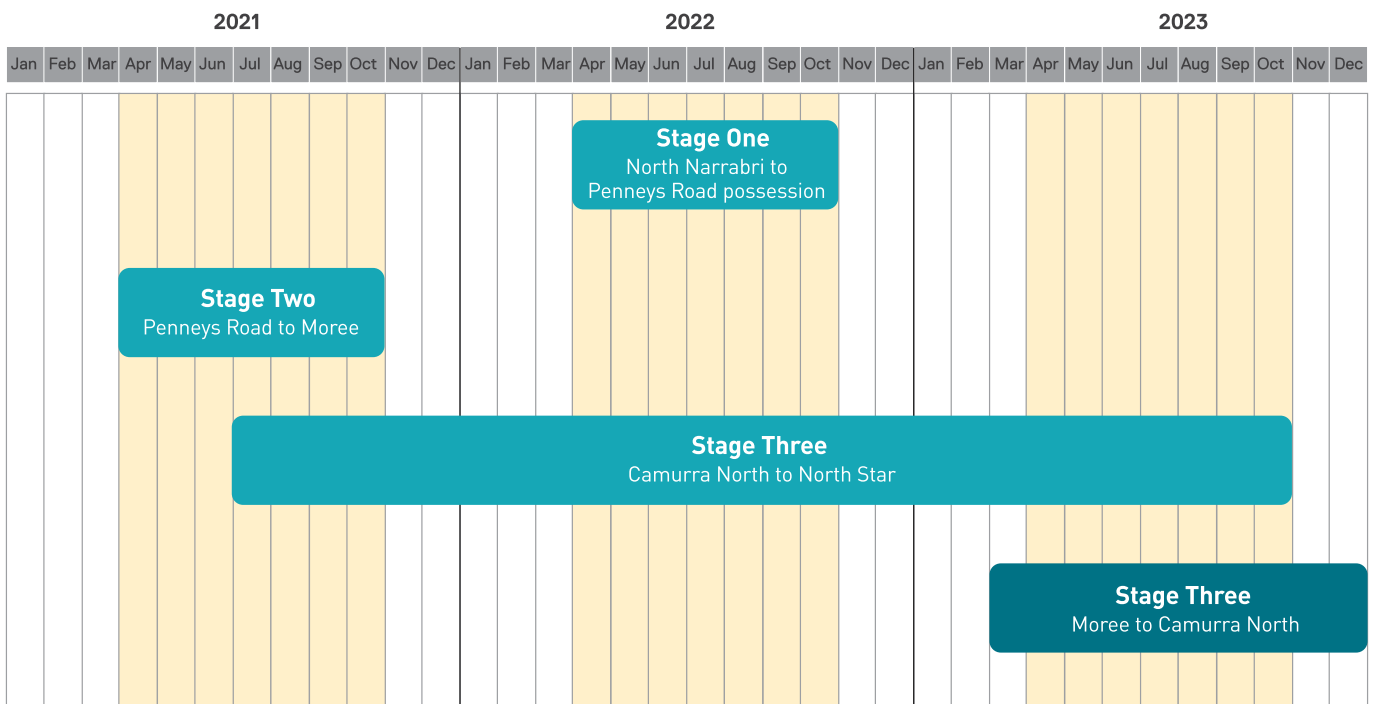
The chart below provides indicative dates for upcoming construction works along the the Phase 1 and Phase 2 sections of the Narrabri to North Star alignment.

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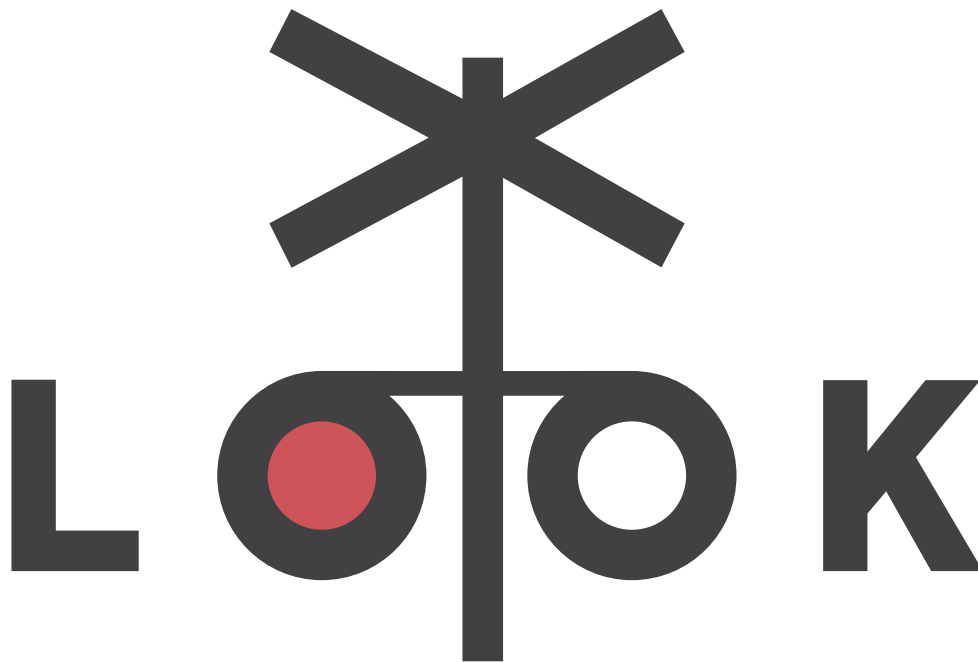
All construction works are subject to weather and dates can change at short notice. Local communities will be updated as required, if construction timeframes need to be adjusted.

### Narrabri to North Star – Phase 1 track possession schedule

We are committed to minimising disruptions to the region's harvesting operations so that local growers can efficiently transport their product to market. The below calendar shows key track possession periods over the next two years where significant construction works will occur within the rail corridor.



Possession schedule



## Construction traffic

From January 2021, please take extra care at level crossings as construction machinery and vehicles will be operating.

Be vigilant, be safe and obey all warning signals at level crossings.

### 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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