

NARROMINE TO NARRABRI



MARCH NEWSLETTER

NSW

We are carrying out field studies to inform the Environmental Impact Statement and to help us refine the narrowed study area. Here's the latest on the Narromine to Narrabri project.

The Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) project includes roughly 300 km of new track. It is the longest project within Inland Rail, which will complete the national freight network between Melbourne and Brisbane.

The N2N project is currently in the feasibility design phase. From late March/April 2019, ARTC Inland Rail will begin narrowing the study area to a focus area roughly 150-400 m wide. We will then work to determine a final rail corridor approximately 40-60 m wide.

WHAT'S NEW?

In December 2018 we began field studies to better understand local ground conditions, hydrology and flooding issues and to identify local flora and fauna habitats. These studies will continue until mid-2019.

Our studies will help us understand any technical challenges and opportunities as we work towards narrowing down the study area, and feed into the N2N project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

If you would like to find out more about the activities taking place in your community, visit inlandrail.com.au/n2n or contact us on 1800 732 761 or inlandrailnsw@artc.com.au. You can also refer to the field studies table on page 2.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The first meetings of the N2N Community Consultative Committee (CCC) took place in January 2019 in Narromine, Gilgandra and Narrabri. The next meetings are taking place on 19 and 20 March 2019.

CCCs are a forum for sharing Inland Rail information between the project team and the community, to discuss topics of interest, and to address issues and concerns.

The N2N committee has 3 sub-committees – Narromine, Narrabri and Gilgandra – led by Independent Chair, Michael Silver OAM.

Visit inlandrail.artc.com.au/n2n-ccc for meeting minutes, member details and upcoming meeting information.

Geotechnical investigations along the alignment commenced in late January



**Timeframes are indicative and are subject to change*

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

ARTC Inland Rail will soon begin visiting landowners to inform them of the project focus area (150-400 m wide). These one-on-one meetings will commence in the coming months.

Initially it was anticipated that we would commence these meetings in February 2019. However, this timing has since been changed to reflect the current project status. We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused.

ARTC Inland Rail remains committed to delivering the best possible outcome for the community. We are currently continuing with field studies and our design process, which will inform the final design of the N2N focus area and our discussions with landowners.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Due to the number of landowners and the distances involved, we will inform the community in a staged approach.

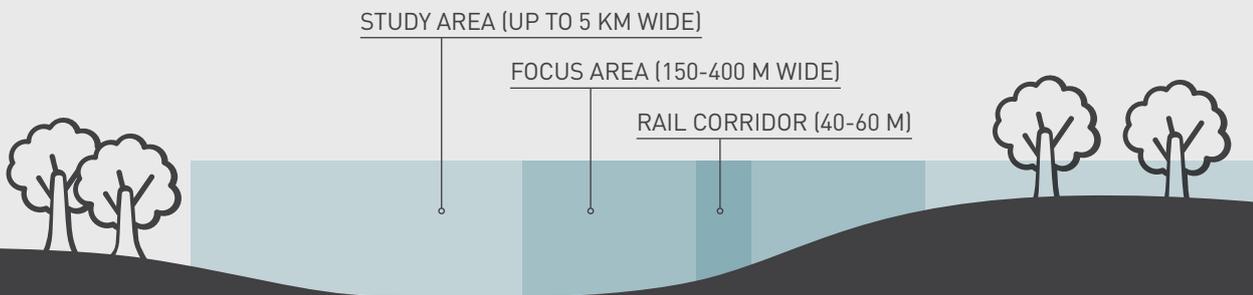
Initially we will be meeting with landowners between Burroway and the Pilliga Forest. The schedule for the other areas on the alignment will be published in the coming weeks pending ongoing work.

Landowners will be contacted directly to arrange one-on-one meetings. These meetings will involve our technical experts and the community engagement team.

Landowners will be provided with updated property maps, highlighting the location of the focus area. The team will be available to answer any questions – such as fencing, flooding studies, and level crossing queries.

We appreciate your ongoing patience.

RAIL CORRIDOR SELECTION



FIELD STUDIES TABLE

TOPIC	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CONSULTATION	Active	Active	Active	Active
AQUATIC ECOLOGY	Active	Active	Active	Active
TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY	Active	Active	Active	Active
SURFACE WATER	Active	Active	Active	Active
GROUNDWATER	Active	Active	Active	Active
INDIGENOUS HERITAGE	Active	Active	Active	Active
NOISE	Active	Active	Active	Active
SOCIAL IMPACT	Active	Active	Active	Active
FLOODING	Active	Active	Active	Active
GEOTECHNICAL	Active	Active	Active	Active
CONSTRUCTABILITY	Active	Active	Active	Active
TRAFFIC	Active	Active	Active	Active
BORROW PIT INVESTIGATIONS	Active	Active	Active	Active
CADASTRAL SURVEY	Active	Active	Active	Active

CADASTRAL SURVEYING

ARTC Inland Rail will soon commence cadastral surveys across the entire N2N study area. This work will be conducted by a registered surveyor and will involve accessing private property.

Cadastral surveys help determine real property boundaries. A comprehensive survey assists in determining legal ownership and is key in any future property discussions.

Survey work is non-intrusive and does not require you to be present. Under the *Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002*, a registered surveyor can enter private property in order to complete necessary work.

ARTC Inland Rail will shortly contact all identified landowners to discuss the nature and timing of the survey work. Where access is not provided, landowners will be given sufficient written notice in accordance with the Act.

It is important to note that this survey work does not indicate the location of the focus area or the final rail corridor. Any additional work undertaken by ARTC will be subject to existing Land Access Agreements.



COME AND SEE US AT YOUR LOCAL SHOW

Next event: Baradine Show, 16 March, Off Lachlan Street, Baradine NSW

We are committed to supporting local events and look forward to seeing you at the Baradine Show in March, at which we are a Silver and Bronze sponsor. Drop by for more information about the project and to meet the team.

In 2018, we participated in shows across the Inland Rail alignment, including the Narromine show. Look out for us in your town this year too!

LEARNING TO SWIM WITH ARTC INLAND RAIL

It was safety first for 100 Narromine kids who have learnt to swim over the summer with ARTC Inland Rail's help!

We're proud to have helped the Narromine Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) provide a vital children's swimming safety program at the Narromine Pool.

Local kids who participated in the sessions learnt swimming skills and water safety to improve their awareness and confidence in the water.

Inland Rail NSW Stakeholder Engagement Manager Helena Orel said ARTC welcomed the opportunity to help local kids.

"Safety is at the core of what we do at ARTC and it makes sense for us to support the safety of young people in Narromine through the Narromine Local Aboriginal Land Council," Ms Orel said.

"Inland Rail will have a positive legacy in this region and programmes like this is just another way that the community will see the benefits of the programme.

"Our contribution not only assisted with resources for the NLALC Learn to Swim program, but we are also pleased that all the kids in the course have been issued family season passes so they can continue to practice their skills now that the program is completed."

NLALC Chief Executive Officer Shelly Bayliss said that without the support from ARTC this program simply would not have happened.



Above: Volunteer instructors Cait and Chloe with Zaharnah and Creaden

Below: One of the youngest swimmers, Taylarah, receiving her certificate from Danka Jankovic, ARTC Inland Rail



MEET OUR TEAM

Kyle-James Giggacher, Project Delivery Engineer

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I'm a born-and-bred city guy, with a background in civil and geotechnical engineering. When the chance came to move from Sydney to Dubbo, and join this once-in-a-lifetime project with ARTC Inland Rail, I thought, 'what a great adventure!' This is my chance to be part of a great team of people and to take a more community-engaged role in a family-friendly environment.

DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE

The N2N project is now at what's called the feasibility stage, where a series of investigations are being carried out to better understand the technical challenges and opportunities we are faced with. As the project delivery engineer, I manage the site investigations currently under way, working with our contractors Jacobs GHD joint venture and local community members.

WHAT'S MOST REWARDING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

ARTC's motto is "to keep Australia moving". This message resonates with me, as the most rewarding thing about my job is being able to take part in building tomorrow's infrastructure in a sustainable manner.

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO THE INLAND RAIL PROJECT?

ARTC plays a vital part in the transport supply chain and the economic development of Australia. The corporation is also committed to the health and safety of people, with a mission to enhance the communities and environments in which we operate. It's this vision that ultimately attracted me to join ARTC's team.



WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU AREN'T WORKING?

I play indoor sports at Dubbo Sportsworld, Trivia, walk my dog, play cards at the Dubbo Bridge Club on Thursdays, and watch the latest movies at Reading Cinema.

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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