



Albury to Illabo Community Consultative Committee

Wagga Wagga sub-committee

Wednesday 4 February 2026

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Acknowledgement of Country

Inland Rail acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

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Conflicts of interest

Garry West – Chair CCC

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Agenda

- ▶ Actions from previous meeting
- ▶ Program and Project update
- ▶ Precinct Updates
 - Lockhart Shire Council
 - Junee Shire Council
 - Wagga Wagga City Council
- ▶ Planning and Environment Update
- ▶ Community Update
- ▶ General Business

Actions from Previous Meetings

Action	Status
Community grants budget - KH	Update provided in this meeting

Introduction/Presenters

Dinith Amarasinghe

Senior Project Manager – A2I

Rachael Labruyere

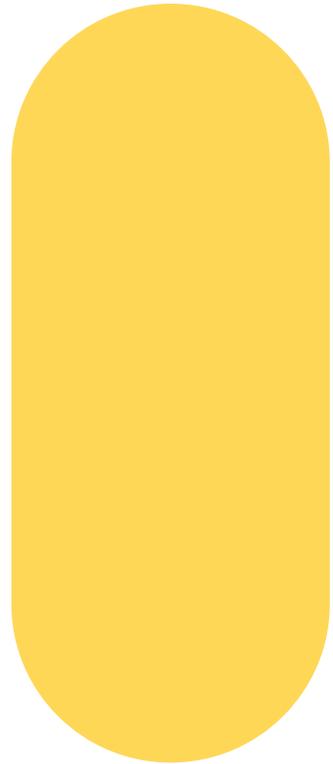
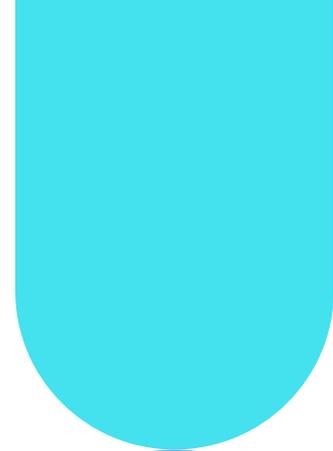
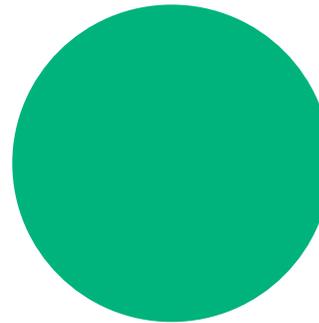
Environmental Manager – A2P

Kate Hardy

Stakeholder Engagement Lead - A2I

Jessica Jackson

Stakeholder Engagement Lead – A2P





Program and Project Update

Dinith Amarasinghe – Senior Project Manager A2I

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Adjacent Projects Update

Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)

- ▶ Clearing and grubbing of alignment continuing
- ▶ Utilities adjustment in progress
- ▶ Major construction is due to commence in March 2026
- ▶ CSR is also in progress
- ▶ Pipework for a water line commencing

Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

The Stockinbingal to Parkes project has completed all works including track lowering under Wyndham Avenue bridge, crossing loop at Darroobalgie, track slew works at various locations, modification at Lachlan River Bridge.



Lachlan River bridge

A2I Program

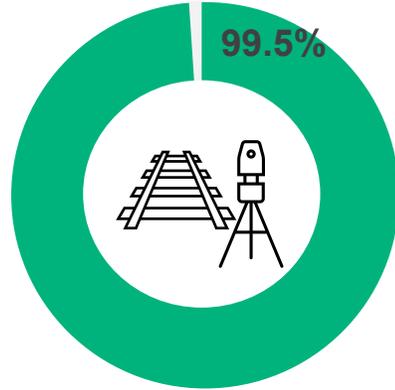


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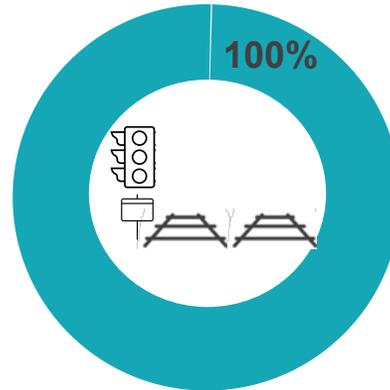
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Design – ITC
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Clearance Sites

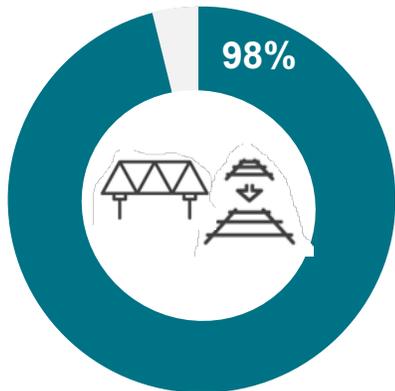


Junee to Illabo

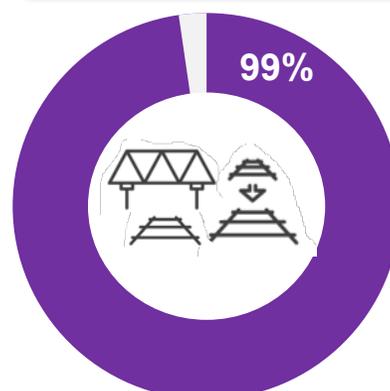


Overall Design Progress:
98.3% Complete

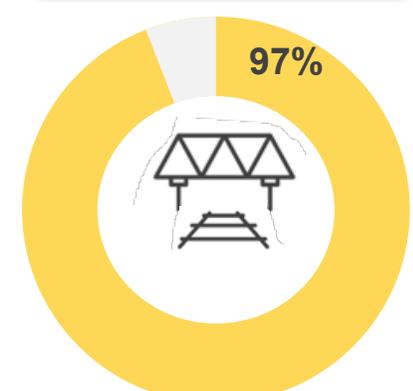
Albury Sites



Wagga Sites



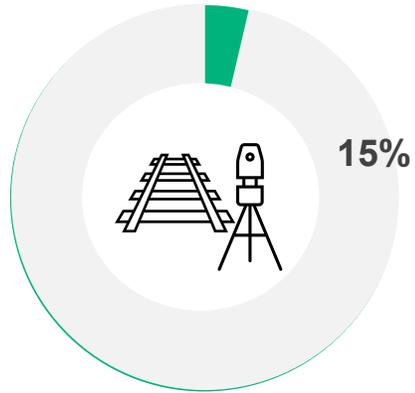
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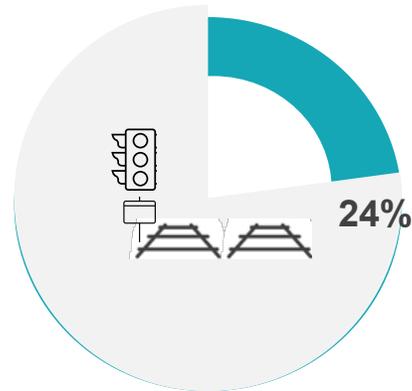
A2I Construction Progress

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Clearance Sites

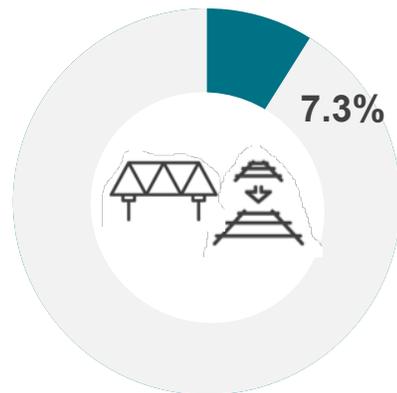


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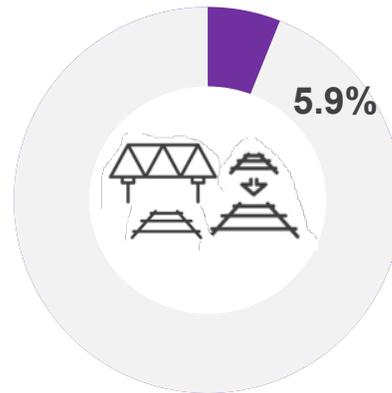


Overall Construction Progress:
30% Complete

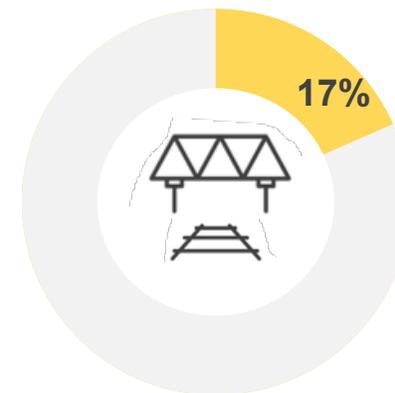
Albury Sites



Wagga Sites



Junee Sites



What's on the horizon for southern NSW in 2026 - a look at the year ahead, January 2026





Precinct Update – Lockhart Shire

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December Possession

- ▶ The Rock gantry modification works completed
- ▶ First A2I site with works completed



Lookahead – Lockhart Shire

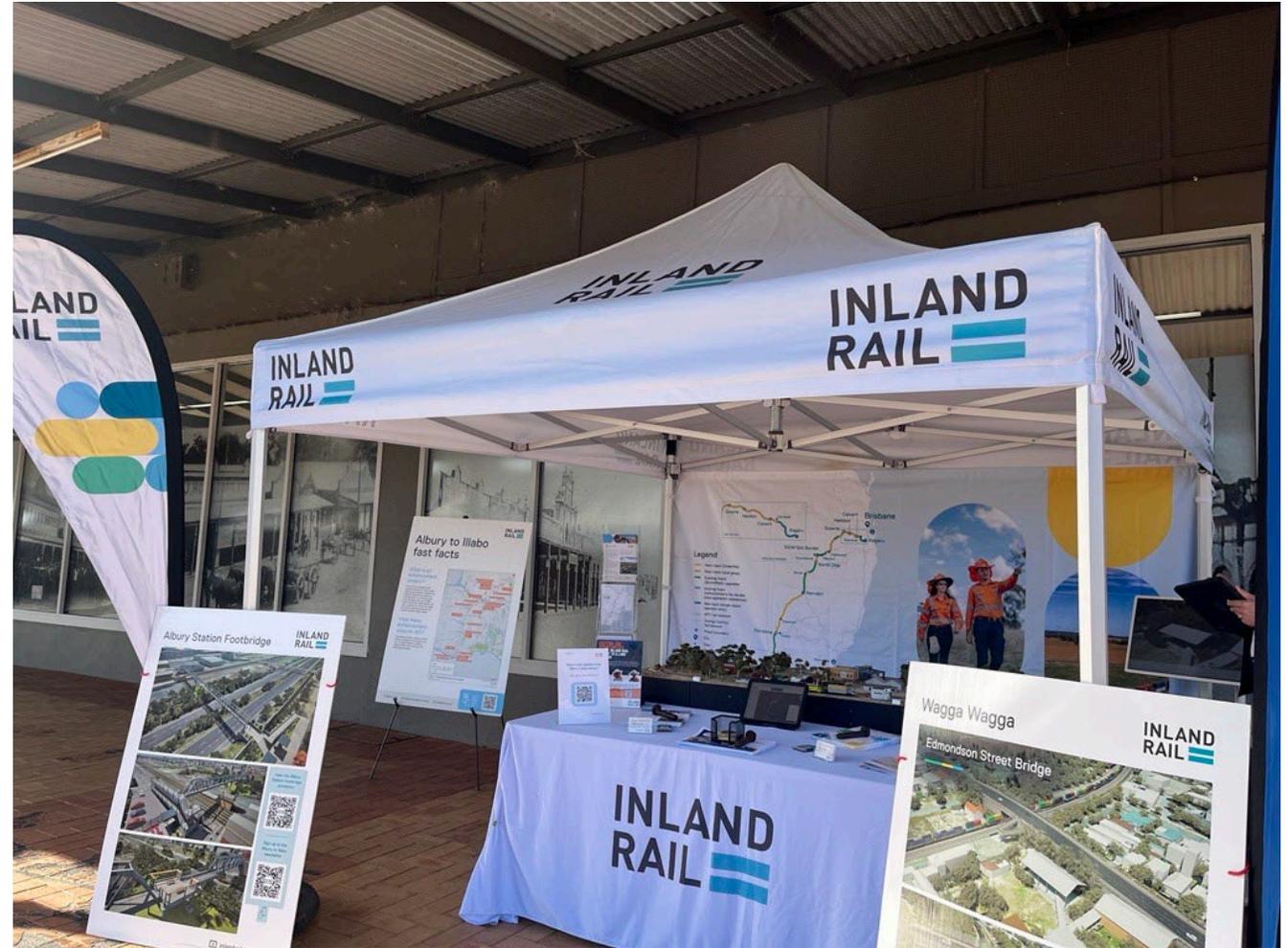
Timing	Activity
Quarter 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ONVR Consultations commence• Overhead wires validation• Yerong Creek site investigations

Community Engagement in Lockhart Shire

Timing	Activity
Monthly	Council monitoring meetings
Quarterly	Councillor briefing
March	STEM Challenges (Wagga and Albury)

Successful Grants

Pleasant Hills Community Association – disabled toilets amenities



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025

Lockhart Shire LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

2 Events held

2 Schools involved

72

Students engaged in STEM activities

10% of whom are First Nations People

51% of whom are Female

10 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

0 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

0 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

0% First Nations businesses

0 "Meet the Contractor" events held

0 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

0 Work ready individuals

0 Completed Training Competencies

0 of whom are First Nations People

0 of whom are Female

0 Workers received training on project

0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

2 Local community grants approved

\$7 K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

3 Total workforce from LGA

0 Sustainable Jobs

0 Workers in trades

0 First Nations workers

0 Female workers

0 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

0

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$0

Total spend on local businesses



Precinct Update – Junee Shire

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Works across Junee

Kemp St Bridge

- ▶ December possession:
 - Temporary CFA piling completed
 - Fencing installed
 - Track tampering
- ▶ Soil nailing testing completed
- ▶ Permanent piling works have commenced

Junee to Illabo

- ▶ Geotechnical investigations
- ▶ Shoulder reconstruction, top ballasting and tamping



Junee Lookahead

Timing	Activity
Quarter 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ONVR Consultations commence• Overhead wires validations
February/March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possession, February 28 - March 1<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Kemp St bridge - piling construction, demolition of existing abutment, pier and trussell footings➤ Olympic Highway under bridge - Track works (resurfacing and adjustment), geotechnical investigations, vegetation clearing, excavation and earth moving activities, material stockpiling, resurfacing, track ballasting, rail adjusting➤ Junee to Illabo - track works, excavation and earth moving activities, geotechnical investigations, material transportation between sites, culvert works➤ Junee driver interchange platforms (north and south) - vegetation trimming, pouring of concrete footings and piling, drainage work, installation of steel platforms, lighting, carpark and associated elements (i.e. bollards)

Community Engagement

Proposed Upcoming Engagement:

Timing	Activity
Monthly	Council monitoring meetings
Quarterly	Councillor briefing
February	Possession door knocks – respite vouchers, alternate accommodation
March	STEM Challenges (Wagga)
Quarter 1	Door knocks and information sessions – pedestrian connectivity

Successful Community Grants:

Junee Community Centre – bus wrap project



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

5 Events held

7 Schools involved

> 306

Students engaged in STEM activities

13% of whom are First Nations People

53% of whom are Female

42 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

2 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

16 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

2% First Nations businesses

1 "Meet the Contractor" events held

44 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

0 Work ready individuals



0 Completed Training Competencies

0 of whom are First Nations People

0 of whom are Female

4 Workers received training on project

0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

17 Local community grants approved

\$59K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

16 Total workforce from LGA

2 Sustainable Jobs

1 Workers in trades

0 First Nations workers

0 Female workers

1 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

6

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

230 K

Total spend on local businesses



Precinct Update – Wagga Wagga

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Trial Closure of Edmondson Street Bridge

- ▶ Successful trial closure led to full approval to proceed with closure for approximately 18 months
- ▶ 12 community information sessions held across 2 weeks
- ▶ Throughout the traffic trial, traffic movements have flowed as expected and remained within the forecast range
- ▶ Feedback was received from emergency services, bus operators, schools and the broader community which indicated that the trial was effective.
- ▶ The traffic monitoring centre resumed on Monday February 2 and will monitor traffic movements as school returns and community return to work



Works across Wagga

Edmondson Street bridge

- Hoarding installed
- Excavation of abutments
- Heavy vehicle truck movements
- 66kv power commissioned

Mothers Bridge

- Piling works
- Delivery of oversize machinery

Cassidy Bridge

- Site establishment
- Vegetation clearing



Works across Wagga



Works at Mothers Bridge



Site set up at Cassidy Footbridge

Wagga Wagga Lookahead

Timing	Activity
Quarter 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ONVR Consultations commence• Overhead wires validations
February/March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possession February 28 – March 1• Demolition of Edmondson Street bridge deck• Piling works Mothers Bridge and Cassidy Bridge
April/May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possession May 2-5• Detour pedestrian path to Cassidy Bridge established

Proposed Upcoming Engagement – Wagga Wagga

Date	Engagement
As requested	School assembly – Kildare CC, Wagga High, South Wagga PS – pedestrian and road safety
Quarterly	Councillor Briefing
February	Possession doorknocks – respite vouchers and alternate accommodation
March	STEM School Challenges
Monthly	South Wagga Public School Kildare Catholic College Erin Earth Multicultural Centre Wagga Wagga City Council



Successful Community Grants

- ▶ Mt Erin Heritage Centre
- ▶ Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers Inc
- ▶ Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga

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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

24 Events held

16 Schools involved

3,710

Students engaged in STEM activities

13% of whom are First Nations People

46% of whom are Female

180 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

6 Supplier Capability Workshops held

2 Mentoring sessions held

149 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

5% First Nations businesses

2 "Meet the Contractor" events held

154 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

155 Work ready individuals

6 Completed Training Competencies

92% of whom are First Nations People

of whom are Female **6%**

5 Workers received training on project

2 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

47 Local community grants approved

\$171 K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

113 Total workforce from LGA

7 Sustainable Jobs

4 Workers in trades

17 First Nations workers

12 Female workers

7 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

70

Businesses who have worked on the project

5 First Nations Businesses

\$8.1 m

Total spend on local businesses



Planning and Environment

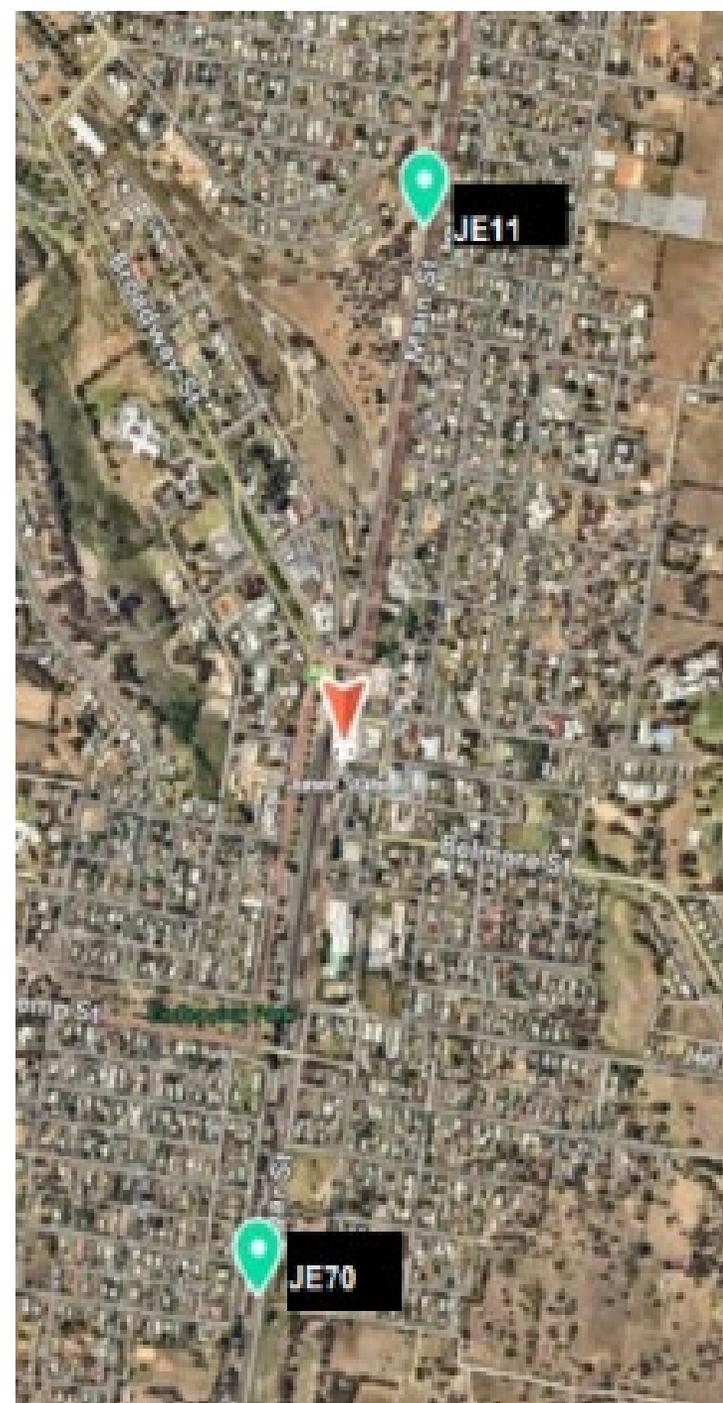
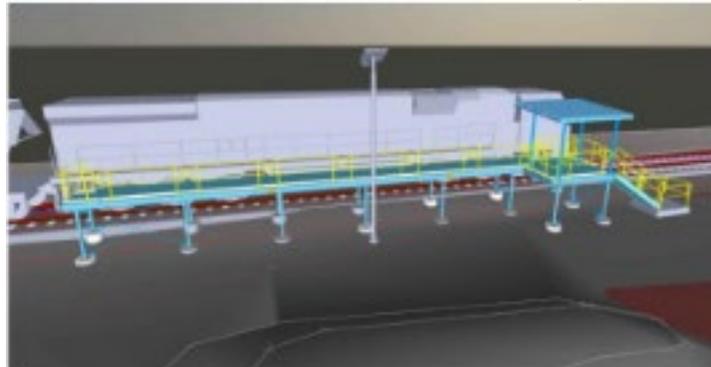
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Driver Change Platforms

- Review of Environmental Factors (REF) approved for the works
- Driver Change Platforms to be constructed at two locations (JE11 and JE70).
- Consultation carried out with directly impacted residents, Council and drop-in sessions in Junee.
- Mitigation Measures developed for the CSSI (Albury to Illabo) Project have been included in the REF Conditions.
- Site Investigations (Geotechnical) are due to commence in February with construction planned for the February Possession.

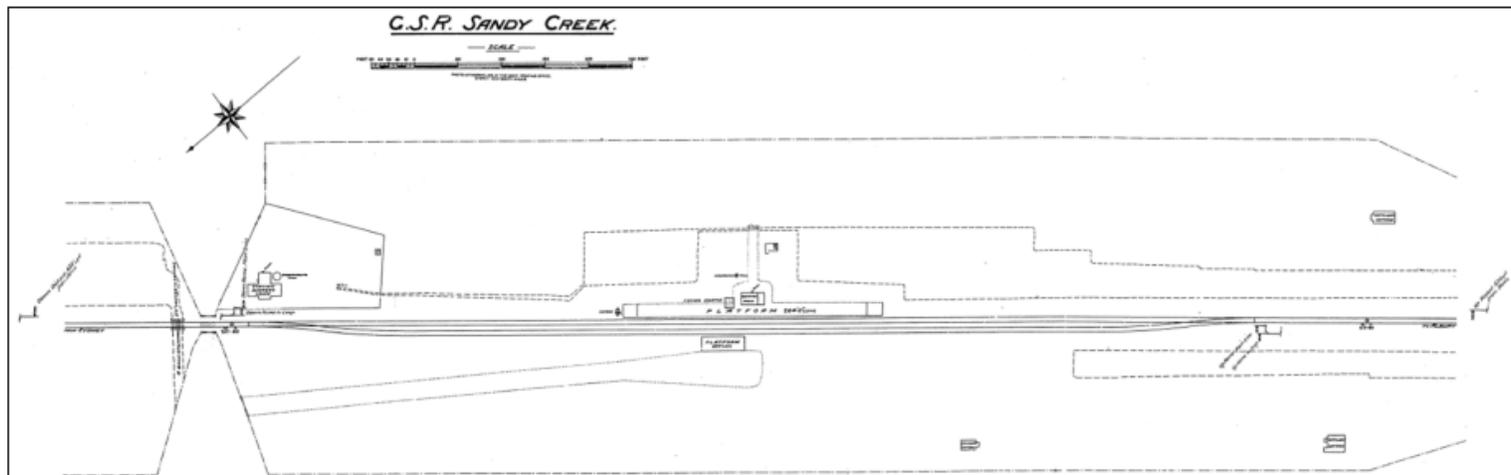


Detailed Site Investigations

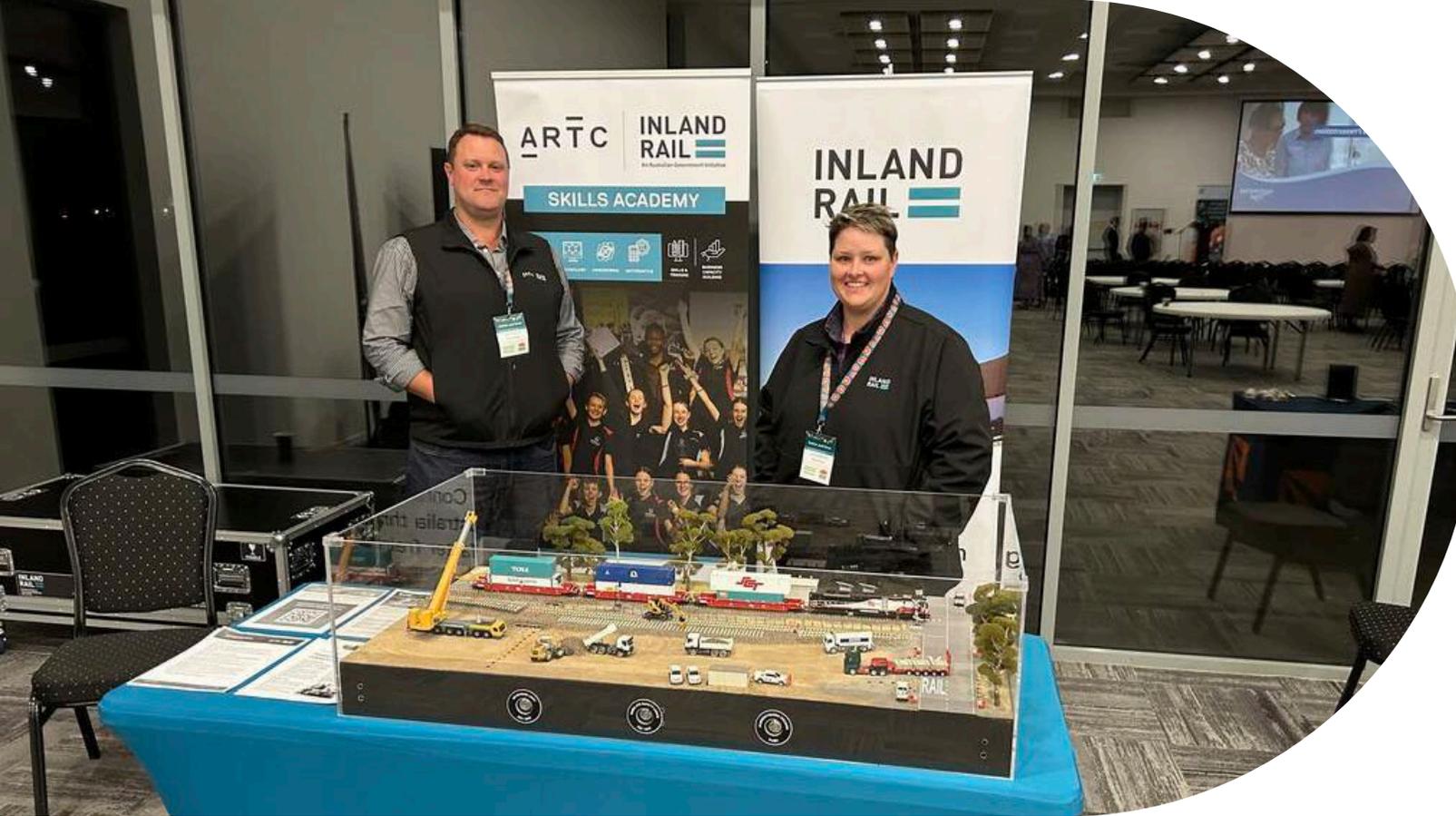
- ▶ Detailed site investigations have been completed.
- ▶ Site Investigations include test pits and bore holes and are carried out prior to commencement of Construction.
- ▶ Asbestos investigations
- ▶ Prior to works in areas where asbestos has been located a surface Emu Pick is carried out.
- ▶ Works in known asbestos areas are carried out under the Project Asbestos Management Plan with a hygienist on-site.
- ▶ Following any asbestos removal an asbestos clearance inspection is carried out by the Contamination Consultant.

Uranquinty Heritage Unexpected Find

- ▶ Identified during heritage inspections prior to commencement of works.
- ▶ Considered to be associated with the Sandy Creek Station which dates back to the 1880's.
- ▶ The Project Archaeologist is carrying out a significance assessment of the find in consultation with Heritage NSW.
- ▶ Archaeological Research Design and Excavation Methodology to be produced to inform archaeological excavation at the site and approved by Heritage NSW.



URANQUINTY RAILWAY STATION LOOKING SOUTH EARLY 1880'



Community Update

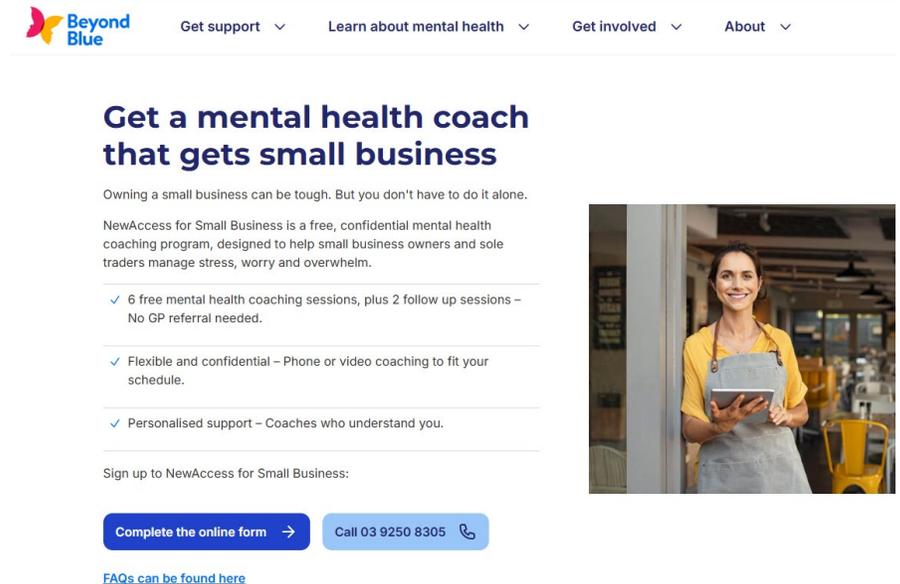
Kate Hardy – Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I



Recognising business impacts

Inland Rail recognises that construction activities can create temporary disruptions for nearby businesses:

- ▶ Early (and often) engagement with affected businesses to understand their specific circumstances, constraints and operational needs.
- ▶ Implement practical measures to support business continuity:
 - Early notification of upcoming works, including timing, duration and potential impacts.
 - Information sessions and briefings, allowing businesses to ask questions and plan ahead.
 - Installation of additional wayfinding or access signage to help customers navigate changing conditions.
 - Boosted social media and promotional support, highlighting that businesses remain open and accessible
 - Digital marketing program
 - Beyond Blue – New Access support



The screenshot shows the Beyond Blue website. The header includes the Beyond Blue logo and navigation links: 'Get support', 'Learn about mental health', 'Get involved', and 'About'. The main heading is 'Get a mental health coach that gets small business'. Below this, it states: 'Owning a small business can be tough. But you don't have to do it alone. NewAccess for Small Business is a free, confidential mental health coaching program, designed to help small business owners and sole traders manage stress, worry and overwhelm.' There are three bullet points: '6 free mental health coaching sessions, plus 2 follow up sessions – No GP referral needed.', 'Flexible and confidential – Phone or video coaching to fit your schedule.', and 'Personalised support – Coaches who understand you.' At the bottom, there is a sign-up section with a button 'Complete the online form' and a phone number 'Call 03 9250 8305'. A link 'FAQs can be found here' is also present. On the right side of the page, there is a photograph of a woman in a yellow shirt and grey apron holding a tablet, standing in what appears to be a cafe or shop.

First Nations Partnerships

- ▶ First Nation Artist Luke Penrith finished the A2I corridor wide Artwork
- ▶ The Clontarf Partnership will take us to Sydney supporting our academies in the Riverina catchment at the Year 12 Leadership Camp- With a focus on Resilience
- ▶ 2026 brings more opportunities for First Nation people with more design EOI's to be released.



Community Benefits

Inland Rail is a national project with local benefits, generating jobs and economic opportunities for our regions and communities right across Australia.



1044

People have worked on this section



106

Of whom are First Nations People



297

Local residents have worked on this section



43

Of whom are local First Nations People

Albury to Illabo/
Stockinbingal to
Parkes

July 2023 to November 2025



89

Women employed



61

Trades people employed



66

Employed for 26 weeks or over for a minimum of 15 hours a week



187

Local business have supplied to this section



10

First Nations businesses Australia-wide

\$23.6M

Total spend with local businesses

\$801K

Total spend with First Nations businesses Australia-wide

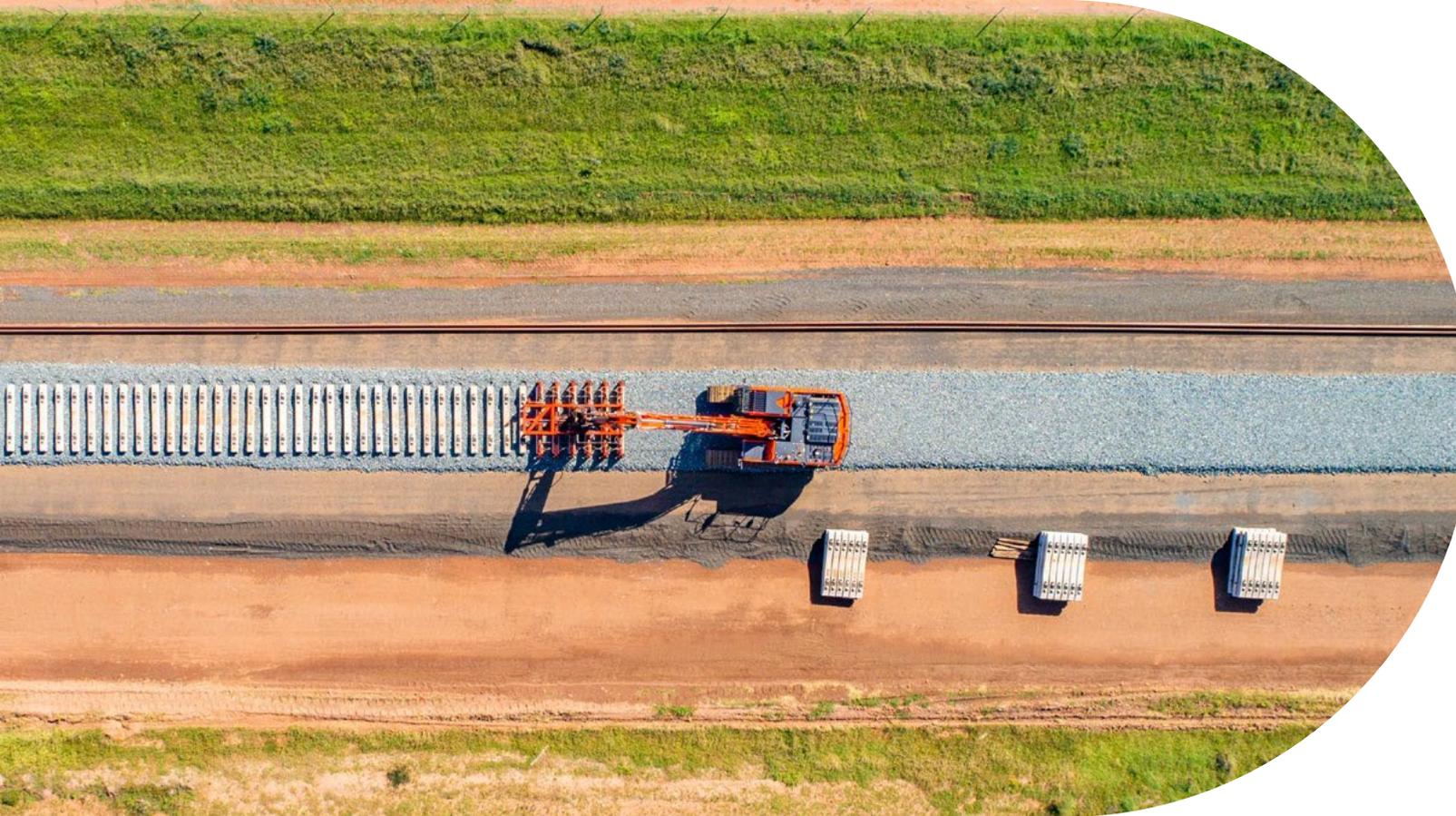


General Business and Community Feedback

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Conclusion and confirmation of actions

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Thank you

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