



Albury to Illabo Community Consultative Committee

Albury sub-committee

Wednesday 5 August 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
- Planning and Environmental update
- Community and stakeholder engagement update
- General Business and community feedback

Introduction/Presenters

Malcolm Clark

Project Director A2I/S2P

Susan Kay

Principal Environment Advisor

Kate Hardy

Community Engagement Lead A2I



Actions from previous meeting

Item	Action/response
Clarification of the discussions with ARTC regarding the future of land at the Albury Station carpark	• Council met with ARTC and discussions are ongoing on this matter. • As this matter sits outside of the Inland Rail program, discussions will continue between the interested parties outside of this forum.



Program and Project Update

Malcolm Clark – Project Director A2I/S2P

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Program and Project Update

- New CEO, Dr Sean Sweeney commenced at Inland Rail on July 1
- Dr Sweeney completed an alignment tour from Beveridge to Parkes in mid-July
- Major 96-hour possession to occur 12-15 September with works occurring across multiple sites:
 - Albury Yard and footbridge
 - Riverina Highway
 - Billy Hughes bridge
 - Henty
- Ten Victorian precincts have now completed works ready for double-stacked trains to use the alignment

Adjacent Projects Update

Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)

Key works progressing:

- ▶ Ongoing bridge and piling works
- ▶ Continuing formwork, concreting and precast placement for drainage culverts
- ▶ Drilling and blasting in select locations
- ▶ Earthworks throughout alignment

Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

- ▶ Works completed at all sites

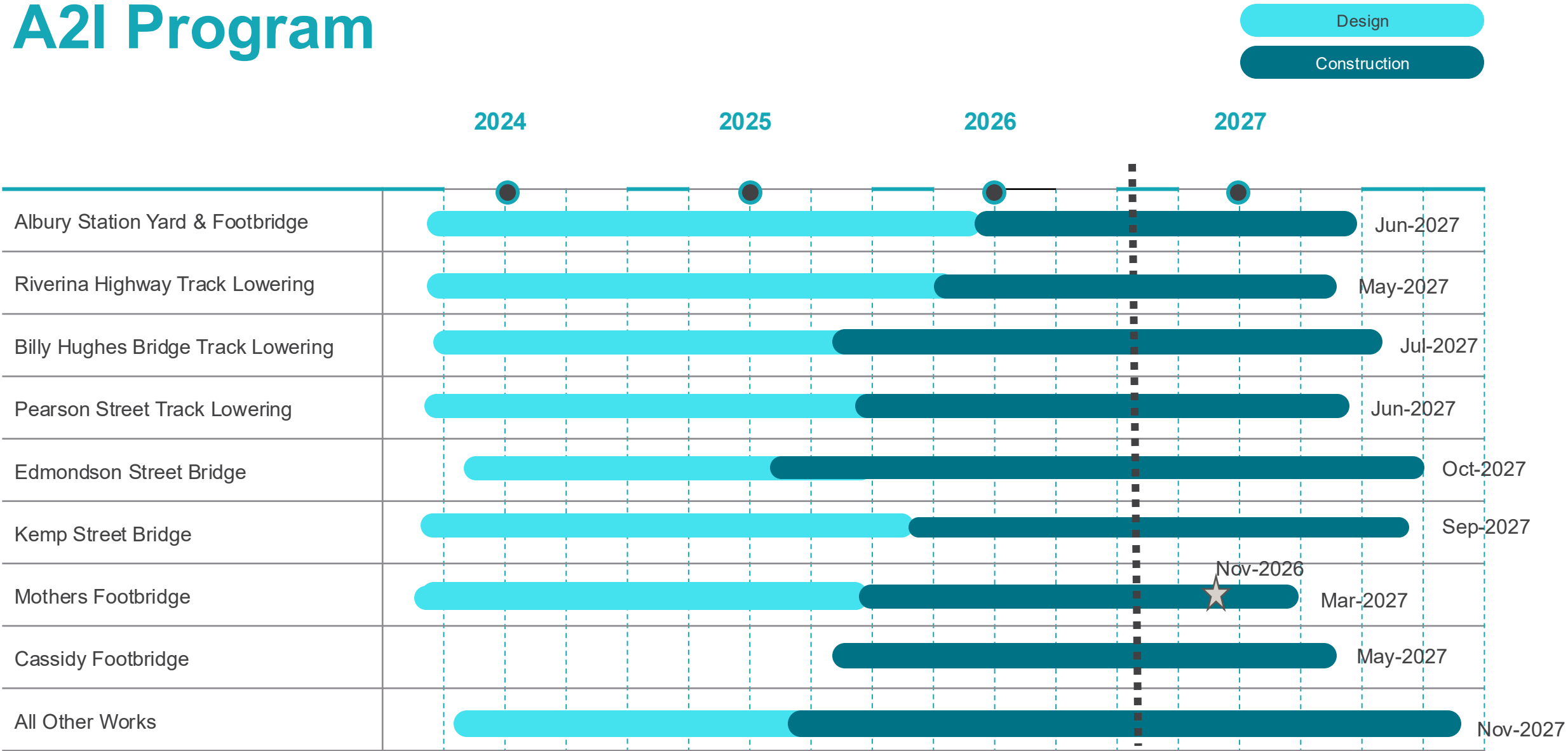




Illsbo to Stockinbingal

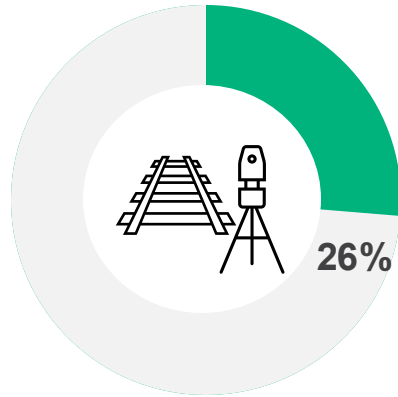
A **new section**
of Inland Rail is
under construction

A2I Program

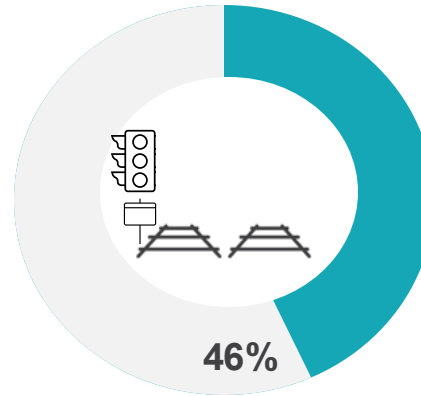


A2I Construction Progress

Clearance Sites

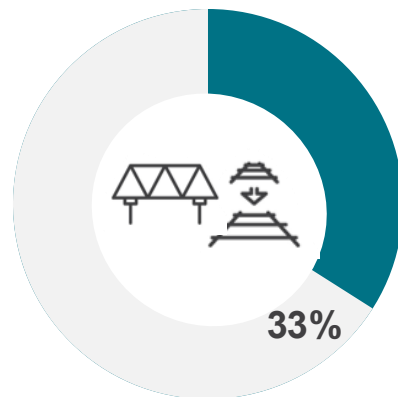


Junee to Illabo



Overall Construction Progress:
34% Complete

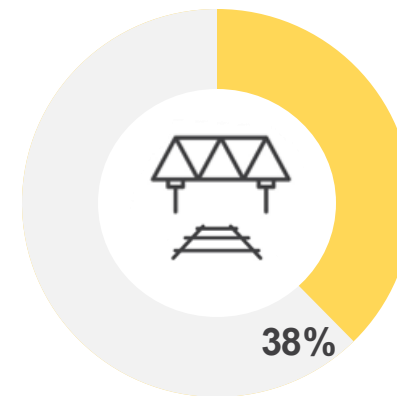
Albury Sites



Wagga Sites



Junee Sites



Albury Station



Riverina Highway

- Pump station install on-going
- Installation of pump equipment and LV works for pump station
- Wilson Street utility works and new access gate to be installed
- Traffic changes to Wilson Street



Billy Hughes Bridge - Ettamogah

- Drainage works complete on western side
- Batter slip repair works
- Construction of Eastern piling pad



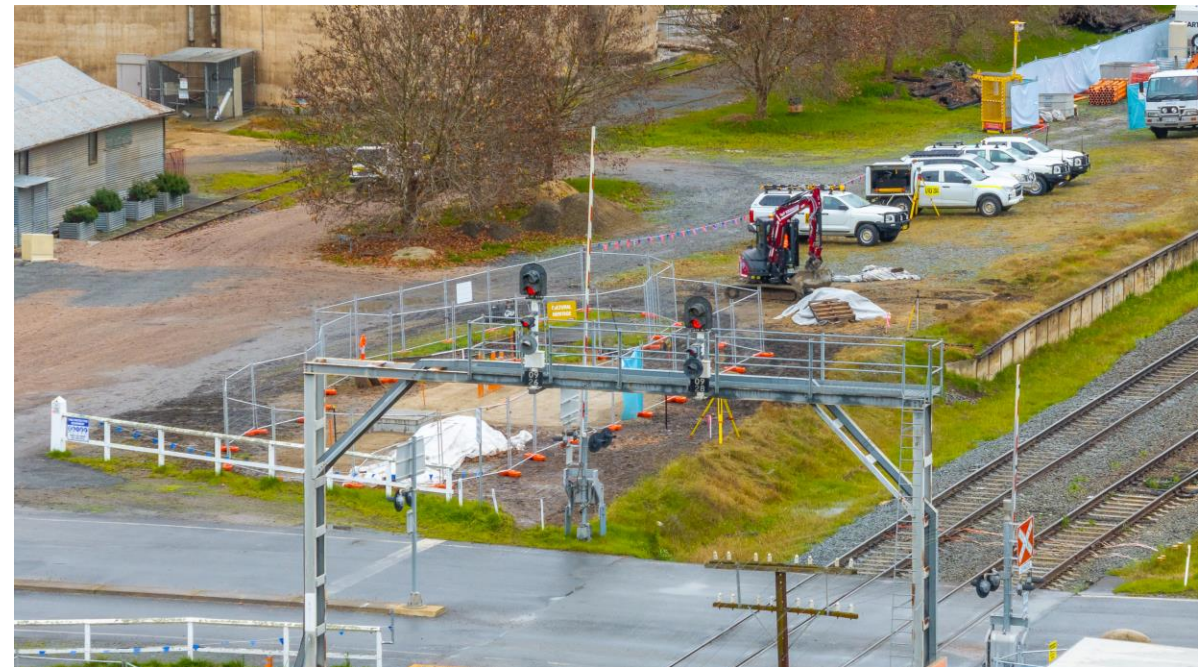
Progress update

How we lowered the rail track in Ettamogah, NSW



Henty

- Signalling works complete
- Gantry works during possession
- Main level crossing works in March next year:
 - Engagement commenced with local business, school and bus operators on required detours during this time



Progress update

How do you
move a 52-metre
bridge through
Wagga Wagga?



September Possession works

Albury Station yard and footbridge

- Drainage and ULX works
- Footbridge works
- Signalling
- Gantry modification

Riverina Highway

- Continuation of track lowering and associated works

Billy Hughes Bridge

- Continuation of track lowering and associated works

Henty

- Gantry modification works



September possession works



Uranquinty - Track works

Pearson Dive - Continuation of concrete works

Cassidy Footbridge - Removal of existing bridge footings

Edmondson Street bridge - Continuing bridge works

Wagga Yard and Mothers Bridge - Signalling works

Kemp Street bridge - Construction of road bridge and footbridge

Junee Yard – Track slew and crossover replacement.
Footbridge (pending)

Olympic Highway bridge – Deck transom replacement and track slew

Junee to Illabo works

- Level crossing works, Brabins Road
- Track resurfacing and distressing
- Culvert works

Lookahead

Timing	Activity
August	Billy Hughes Bridge, Albury Station, and Riverina Highway • Retaining wall construction • Signalling • Trackwork
September	Possession - Friday September 11 to Tuesday September 15 (96 hours) • Albury Yard and Bridge • Riverina Highway • Billy Hughes bridge • Henty Yard
October - December	Possession – Saturday November 7 and Sunday November 8 (36 hours)



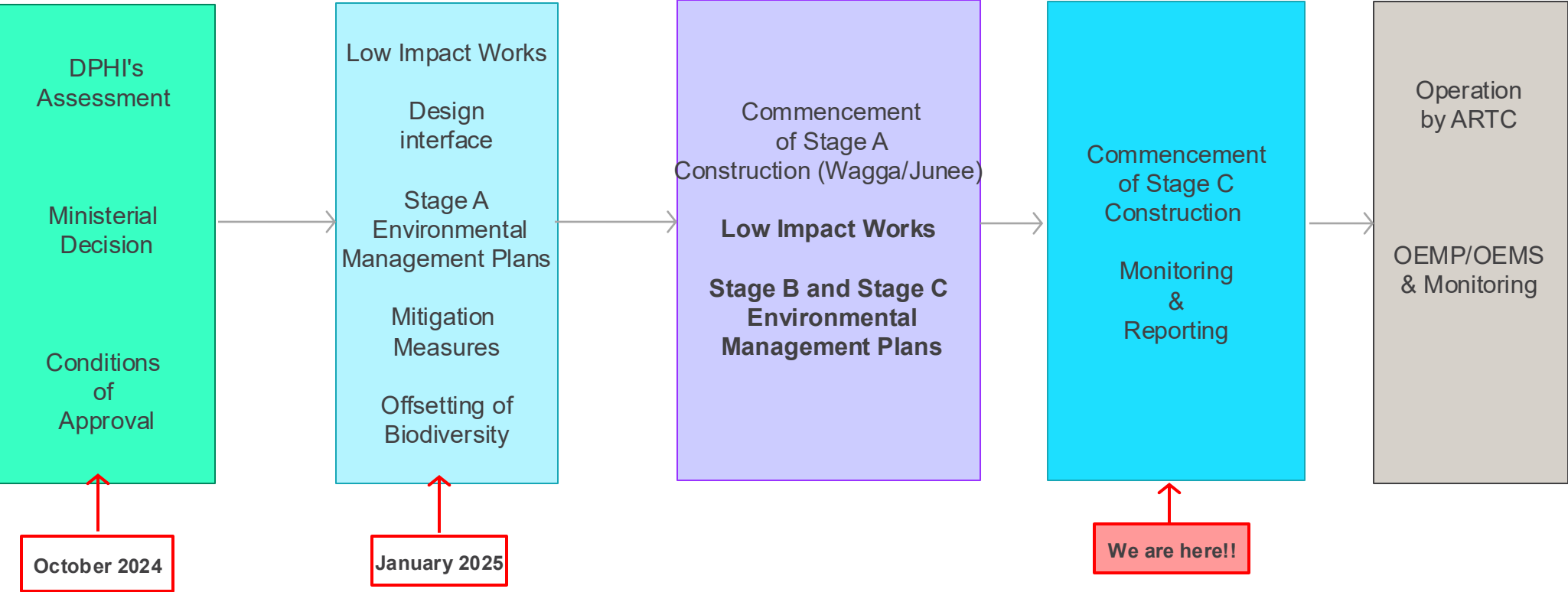
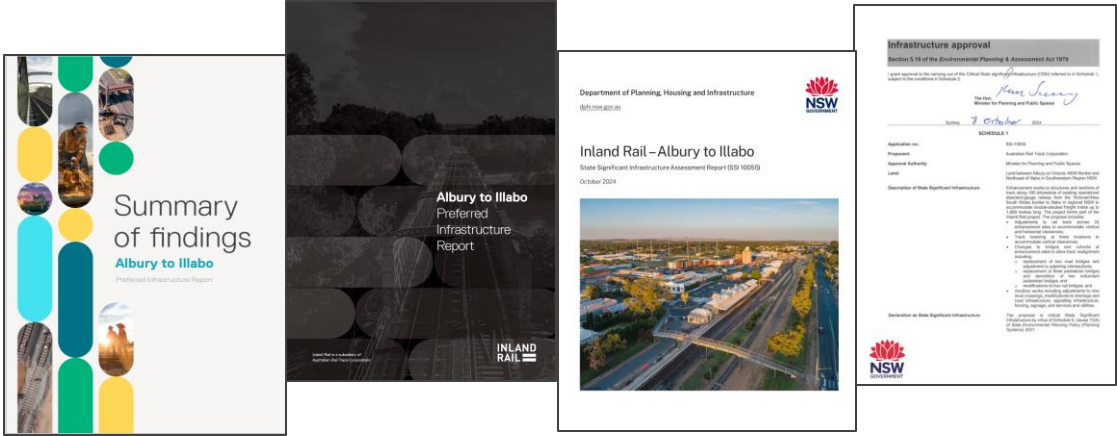
Planning and Environment

Susan Kay – Program Principal Advisor

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Approvals and Construction



Operational Air Quality

- ▶ AQ stations set up at 3 locations – Junee, The Rock and Wagga
- ▶ Monitoring NO_x and PM_{2.5}
- ▶ Aligning monitoring data with train movements
- ▶ The Operational Air Quality Review Report will be prepared in consultation with the EPA following 12 months of data and submitted to DPHI



Operational Noise and Vibration Review

- Following the Australian Government announcement on 6 May 2026, Inland Rail identified the need to review the ONVR inputs to ensure compliance with the project's conditions of approval (CoA).
- As a result, Inland Rail are currently preparing an updated consultation strategy for approval by the New South Wales Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI).
- Inland Rail is committed to keeping communities updated on the ONVR progress and will undertake communication across its platforms as soon as further information becomes available.

Heritage – unexpected find

- Uncovered footings with potential heritage values within Albury Yard
- Found in area of no. 2 and no. 3 engineering siding within Albury locomotive depot based on 1962 diagrams
- Foundations are likely from light poles, signals or gantries from the Albury Loco Depot
- Assessment determined that footings do not hold any identified heritage values. The uncovered footings will be removed to facilitate track and drainage works



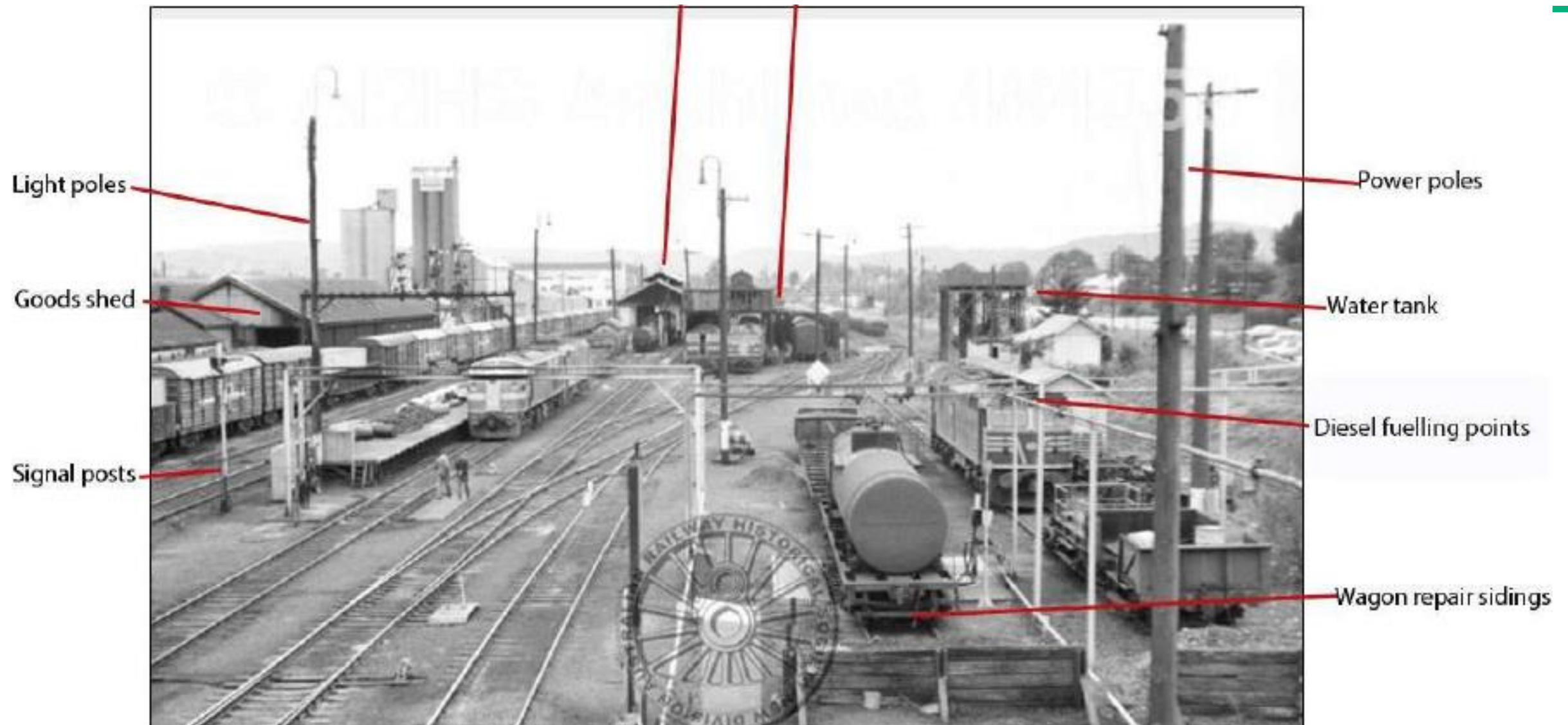


Photo showing Albury Loco Depot and Yard in the area of the UXF (no date) source: The railway archives Australian Railway Historical Society.



Community engagement update

Kate Hardy – Community Engagement Lead

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Engagement Update

Date	Activity
June 1	Albury City Councillor briefing
June 3	Greater Hume Councillor briefing
June 4	Sloane's Froglet habitat walk with Albury City Council
August 27	Try a Trade Day Wagga Wagga
Early September	Pre-possession engagement
September 22-24	Henty Field Days
Monthly	Monitoring meetings with Council staff – Albury City Council and Greater Hume Shire Council

Successful Grants – Albury Cricket Club Incorporated



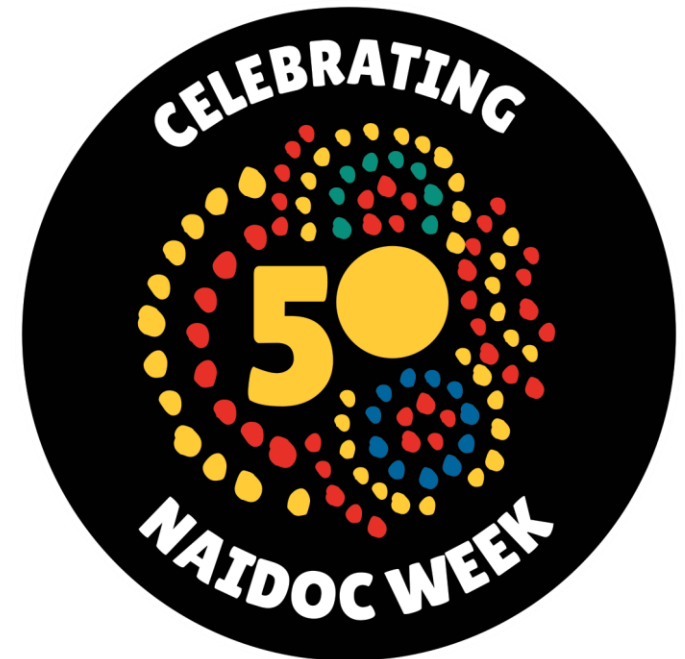
First Nations Partnerships

- Inland Rail alongside Martinus attended the Clontarf employment forum.
- The forum provided an opportunity for students in the Clontarf academies across 7 locations to connect with employers and discuss different pathways and opportunities for employment.



First Nations Partnerships

- Ongoing participation continues with Elders Groups, Mawang Gaway and Dyirramalang who are supporting the development of a local artist to create a shadow art design on the new Mothers Bridge pedestrian footbridge. The artwork is inspired by the theme of "Travelling across Wiradjuri Country with respect." The EOI is currently closed and the assessment processes is underway.
- **NAIDOC Week 2026 - 50 years of Deadly**
 - Link Up QLD presentation
 - Wagga NAIDOC march and flag raising
 - NAIDOC- RivMed Wagga Showgrounds
 - NAIDOC celebrations Ashmont community resource centre



Community Benefits

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



Albury to Illabo/
Stockinbingal to
Parkes

July 2023 to June 2026



Inland Rail Skills Academy

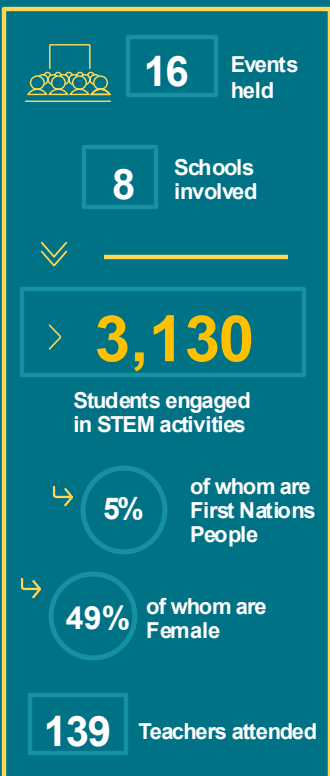
2019 – June 2026 Albury LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES



SKILLS TRAINING



COMMUNITY GRANTS



PROJECT WORKFORCE



PROJECT PROCUREMENT



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2026 Greater Hume Shire LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

2 Events held

2 Schools involved

151

Students engaged in STEM activities

8.6% of whom are First Nations People

47% of whom are Female

12 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

4 Workers received training on project

1 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

9 Local community grants approved

\$26K
Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

18 Total workforce from LGA

5 Sustainable Jobs

3 Workers in trades

1 First Nations workers

2 Female workers

1 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

4 Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 573K
Total spend on local businesses

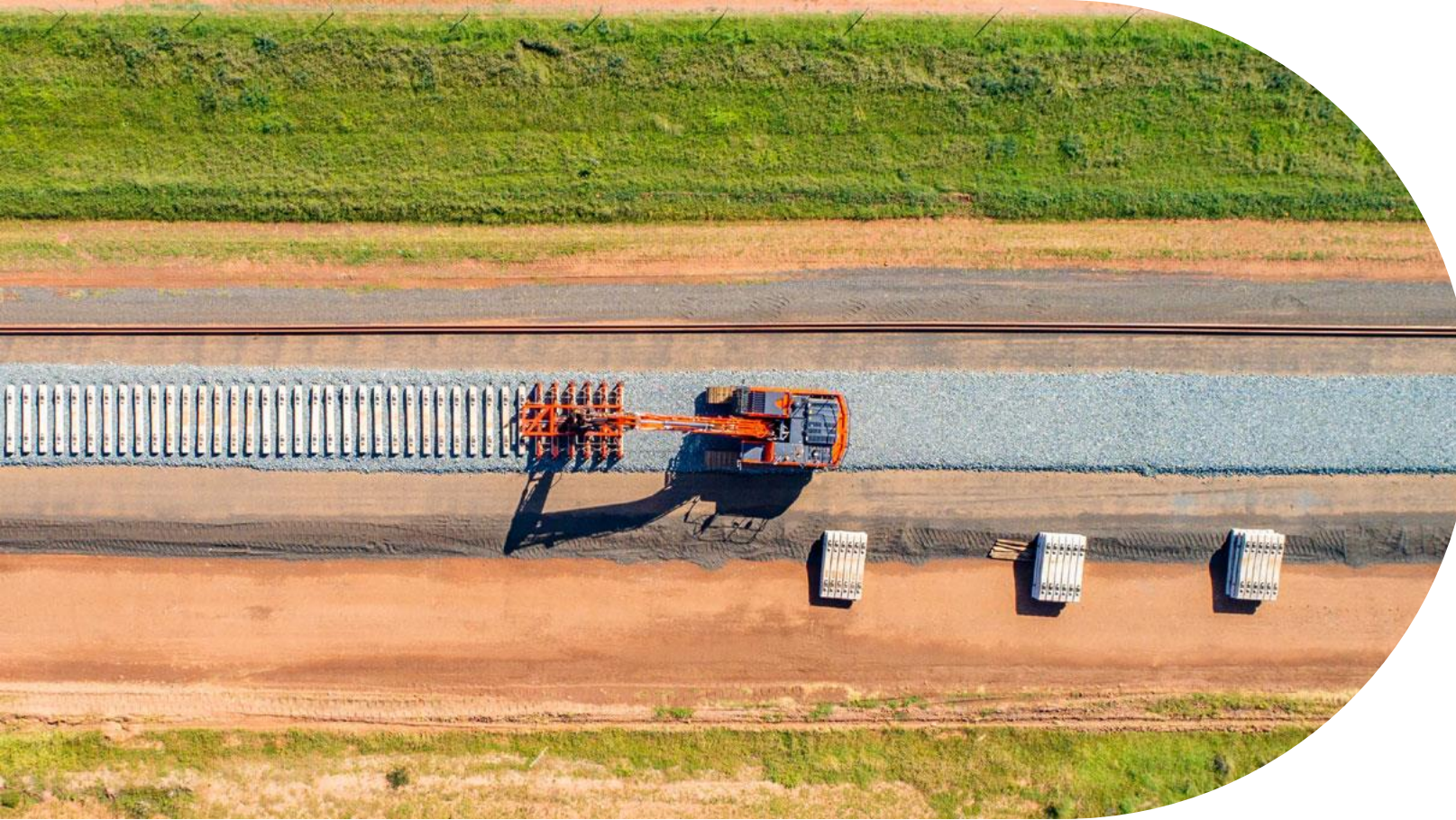


General Business and Community Feedback

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Conclusion and confirmation of actions

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