

LOOP LINE UPGRADE COMMUNITY UPDATE

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FROM THE CEO



Dear Resident,

Transport Heritage NSW has now commenced works on the Picton – Mittagong Loop Line, as part of NSW Government's \$14.6 million funded upgrade of the line between Buxton and Colo Vale. This community update

details what's been happening and what you can expect in your area in the next few months.

Track renewal works begin

Despite consistent wet weather since earlier this year, the Loop Line Upgrade Project has continued. Recently, Transport Heritage NSW received 20,000 steel sleepers, transported by local company Southern Star Transport, and delivered in bulk to Buxton, Balmoral, Hill Top and Colo Vale.

This marked the first significant delivery of materials for the line's upgrade and allows the team to progress works to renew the track from Buxton through to Colo Vale.

Your say on station precinct designs

As works ramp up on renewing track infrastructure, we are now working towards finalising designs for each station precinct, including Colo Vale, Hill Top, Buxton and Thirlmere. Very soon we will be announcing dates for community information sessions to be held at each of the above locations. This will provide residents and local businesses the opportunity to see the proposed designs firsthand and provide feedback.

Be on the lookout for information about how to register to attend at the Loop Line Upgrade Project Facebook page.

In the meantime, if you have any feedback, concerns, or questions about the upgrades occurring in your area, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Andrew Moritz

CEO TRANSPORT HERITAGE NSW

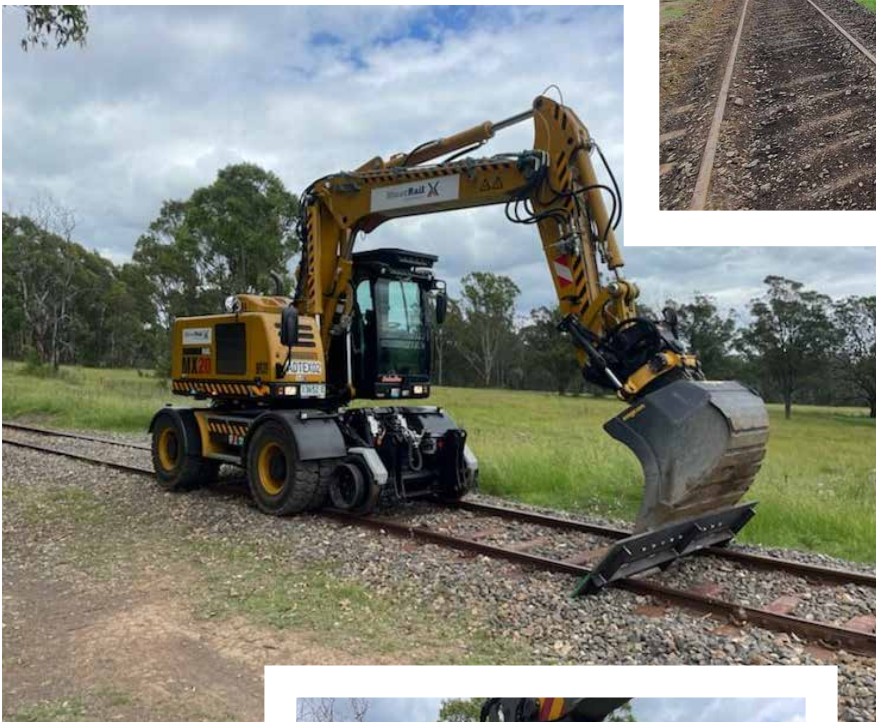
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Prior to the wet weather, the project completed:

- Track sweeping to remove excess ballast between Buxton and Colo Vale.
- Rerailing 2.5km of rail between Maldon and Thirlmere.
- John Holland Tamper and Regulator conducted track resurfacing for the newly re-railed section towards Picton.
- Resurfacing between Maldon and Thirlmere.

Architects for the station precincts along the Loop Line will soon be appointed. First draft designs for the station precincts will be shared in due course for community feedback.

Image: Steve Burrows



▲ Testing the track sweep process which involved three excavators. One fitted with plough and two fitted with brooms following along behind.

▼ Exposed track near Hill Top. 100% sleeper replacement required here!



◀ Excavator broom head for the track sweep.

RECENT WORKS

Recycled sleeper deliveries commenced in May and were laid down at Buxton, Balmoral, Hill Top and Colo Vale. ▶



◀ John Holland Tamper and Regulator conducted track resurfacing for the newly re-railed section towards Picton.

▼ Resurfacing the track at Picton.



▲ Rerailing 2.5km of rail between Maldon and Thirlmere.



▲ New rail at Maldon/Picton.

UPCOMING PROJECT WORKS

- Set-up of laydown (or material stock pile) areas in the rail corridor at nominated locations near Hill Top and Colo Vale railway stations
- Repair of corridor access roads for maintenance vehicles between Hill Top and Colo Vale
- Further geotechnical and bridge analysis between Hill Top and Colo Vale
- Ordering of brand-new rail turnouts
- Track re-sleepering from Buxton to Colo Vale is due to commence from May.

GATES AND FENCES

New timber fencing has been installed at Couridjah station. The fencing was installed to deter unauthorised access by spectators and motorcyclists to the rail corridor in what is a high-risk location. The fence was constructed by a local contractor and in-keeping with the heritage precinct.



Information events are set to be conducted for the local communities between Thirlmere and Colo Vale in the next quarter. Further details will be made available on the Loop Line Upgrade Project Facebook page in the coming weeks.

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM



NEW DATES
25 & 26
JUNE 2022

Wollondilly Shire Council and Transport Heritage NSW are pleased to announce the 2022 Thirlmere Festival of Steam will now take place on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June 2022.

Tickets are now available.

For more information and tickets, visit:

THIRLMEREFESTIVALOFSTEAM.COM.AU

STOP, LOOK, PROCEED

As we progress the Loop Line Upgrade Project, please ensure you pay attention when approaching level crossings. A proper look could save a life.



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