Maritime archaeology work on Hawkesbury River, Windsor, from Tuesday 3 July

The NSW Government is funding the Windsor Bridge replacement project to help improve traffic flow and provide a reliable and safe crossing of the Hawkesbury River.

Roads and Maritime Services has engaged Cosmos Archaeology to carry out the approved maritime archaeological investigations as part of the Windsor Bridge replacement project.

The investigation work will focus on the riverbed which will be directly impacted by four bridge piles closest to the southern riverbank. Investigations will also take place on the remains of the former Windsor Wharf, located on the western side of the existing public wharf.

The work will involve:

- establishing the site, including setting up moorings, work platform and vessels on the river
- installing fencing and exclusion zones on the river and on land
- underwater surveying
- examining the riverbed and bank near the former Windsor Wharf
- archival recording of any heritage Items that are found
- following recording any heritage items are reburied for their preservation

Our work schedule

Work will be carried out during standard construction hours between 7am and 6pm, between Monday and Friday, and from 8am to 6pm on Saturdays. Work will start on Tuesday 3 July and is expected to take up to ten weeks to complete, weather permitting. If additional work is required, we will notify the community.

We have included a map to show the location of the work.

How will the work affect you?

Our work may be noisy at times but we will do everything we can to minimise its impact, including minimising engine noise and idling where possible. We will also turn off dive platform engines and water pumping equipment when not in use.

Boating changes

An exclusion zone will be in place on the river. For maritime updates, visit rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/using-waterways/restrictions-closures/marine-notices

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Location map
The following map illustrates the location of the maritime investigations and the exclusion zones.

Disclaimer: The exclusion areas and fencing indicated on this map are approximations only and are subject to change at any time. Maps are for general information and illustrative purposes only.

Other site work
Construction planning is also underway by Georgiou Group to deliver the Windsor Bridge Replacement project. It is expected that survey and preliminary investigations will be carried out on the site in July 2018 and construction is expected to start in August and September 2018. We will notify the community with further detail closer to the start of construction.

Contact
If you have any questions, please contact the Windsor Bridge Project Team on 1800 712 909 during business hours. For more information on the project, visit rms.nsw.gov.au/windsorbridge.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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