Windsor Bridge Replacement Project – additional archaeological investigations

The NSW Government is building a new Windsor Bridge to provide a safe and reliable crossing over the Hawkesbury River at Windsor.

Roads and Maritime started an archaeological testing program in 2016 to inform the Strategic Conservation Management Plan for the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project.

Testing to date has provided valuable information about both historic and Aboriginal heritage around the project site.

In December, archaeologists working in the area located part of a brick barrel drain believed to date back to the early 1800s. The drain was not previously identified during the Archaeological Investigation Program, likely due to its depth below ground.

It is important the archaeologists can understand the size and location of the barrel drain, and further information is needed.

From the week commencing 22 January, Roads and Maritime will be reopening a test pit which formed part of the Archaeological Investigation Program, to gain more information about the direction and location of the barrel drain. The test pit is located on The Terrace, between the river and the current archaeological salvage site in Thompson Square.

Re-opening this test pit and excavating to a greater depth will help provide the information. This additional archaeological investigation will be carried out in accordance with all relevant approvals and regulatory requirements.

Contact

If you have any questions contact the Windsor Bridge Project Team on 1800 712 909 during business hours.

Roads and Maritime apologises for any inconvenience this work may cause and appreciates the patience of the local community. For more information on this project, visit rms.nsw.gov.au/windsorbridge