



Alliance of Western Councils - Dubbo

8 September 2023

Acknowledgement
of Country

Transport pays respects to Elders past and present, and recognise and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

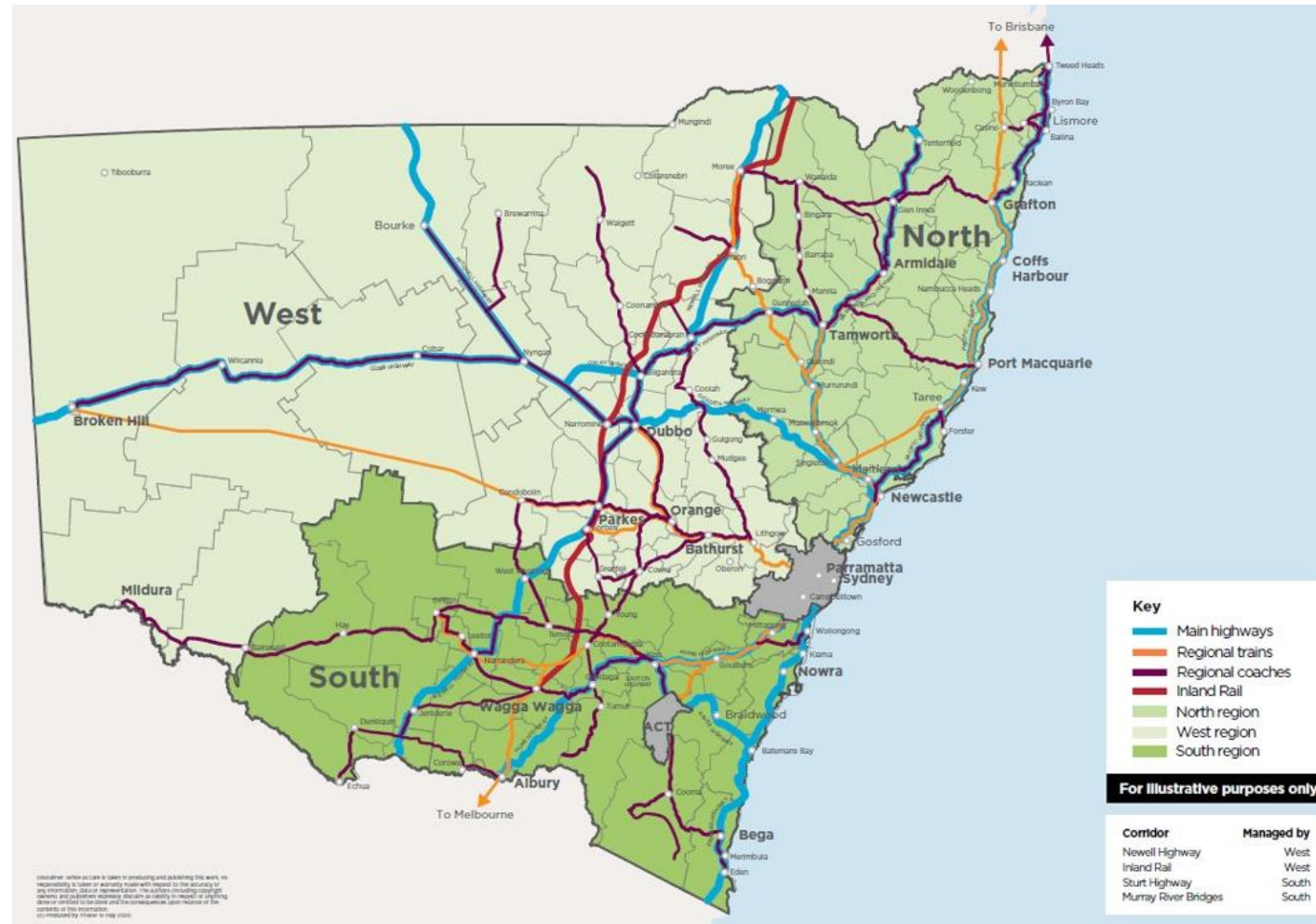
Transport for NSW – West Region

- Lead engagement with NSW regional communities and stakeholders to champion their needs and improve transport outcomes.
- Responsible for the delivery of infrastructure and transport services to communities in regional NSW.

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Supporting Councils

- Transport has a number of ways to help and assist Council's apply for funding and provide technical assistance.
- Our Local Government contacts are available to provide further information.
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 - Phone: 0408 208 440

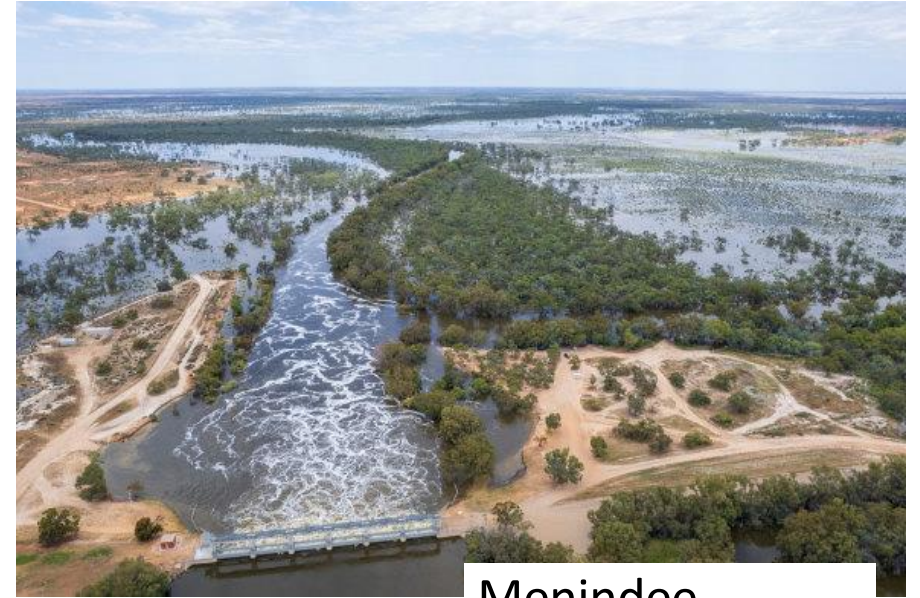


State of the Network

- Extreme, recurrent wet winters have created widespread saturation and damage to the State Road network.
- In addition to this, we experienced the worst flooding on record in November 2022.

November 2022 Natural Disaster:

- **2,500 kilometres** of damage to the State Road network including slopes, culverts and bridges.
- **Delays to projects and annual maintenance programs** due to resources diverted to priority flood repairs.



Menindee



Newell Highway

New Dubbo Bridge

Expected completion end 2026

- The New Dubbo Bridge provides a second high level river crossing in Dubbo.
- Piling works are well underway and will continue until the end of 2023.
- Intersection upgrades have also commenced at Bourke/River and Whylandra/Thompson streets.

Key Benefits:

- Maintaining reliability for local, commuter and heavy freight traffic, particularly during flood events.
- Improving travel congestion and freight productivity.



Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes

Completion expected end 2023

- The Newell Highway Program Alliance has delivered 31 overtaking lanes and 6 shoulder widening stimulus projects.
- 7 overtaking lanes are in construction.
- Accumulating approximately 60 kilometres in length along the full length of the highway.

Key Benefits:

- Improving safety, allowing more accurate travel planning and improving freight productivity.
- Approximately 33 minutes of travel time savings along the length of the Newell Highway.



Mitchell Highway Overtaking Lanes

Completion expected mid 2024

- Three new overtaking lanes and safety improvement works along the Mitchell Highway between Dubbo and Narromine.
- The overtaking lane near Wynyley Lane is completed and open to traffic.
- The Lagoon Creek overtaking lane is completed but has not been opened to traffic while we work on the adjacent section of roadway at Mylangra

Key Benefits:

- Improving efficiency and safety.



Cobb Highway Initial Seal

Completion expected: October 2023

- Since 2011, seal and upgrade 132 kms of the Cobb Highway by 2023.
- Final two remaining sections of the Cobb Highway to be sealed include Mount Manara realignment (3.9kms) and Half Way Tree (3.9kms).

Key Benefits:

- Improved connections for freight.
- Reduced travel times by up to 30 minutes.
- Improved wet weather immunity and more reliable road access, with smoother and safer road surface.



Silver City Highway

Completed: December 2022

- The completion of the Silver City Highway initial seal project from 2018 to 2022 is an historic milestone, and one that was achieved six months ahead of schedule.
- Construction of a new bridge at Packsaddle.
- New automated electronic road signs designed to improve safety and better inform motorists about road conditions.

Key Benefits:

- Fewer highway closures.
- Greater economic and tourism opportunities.
- More reliable access to schools and hospitals.



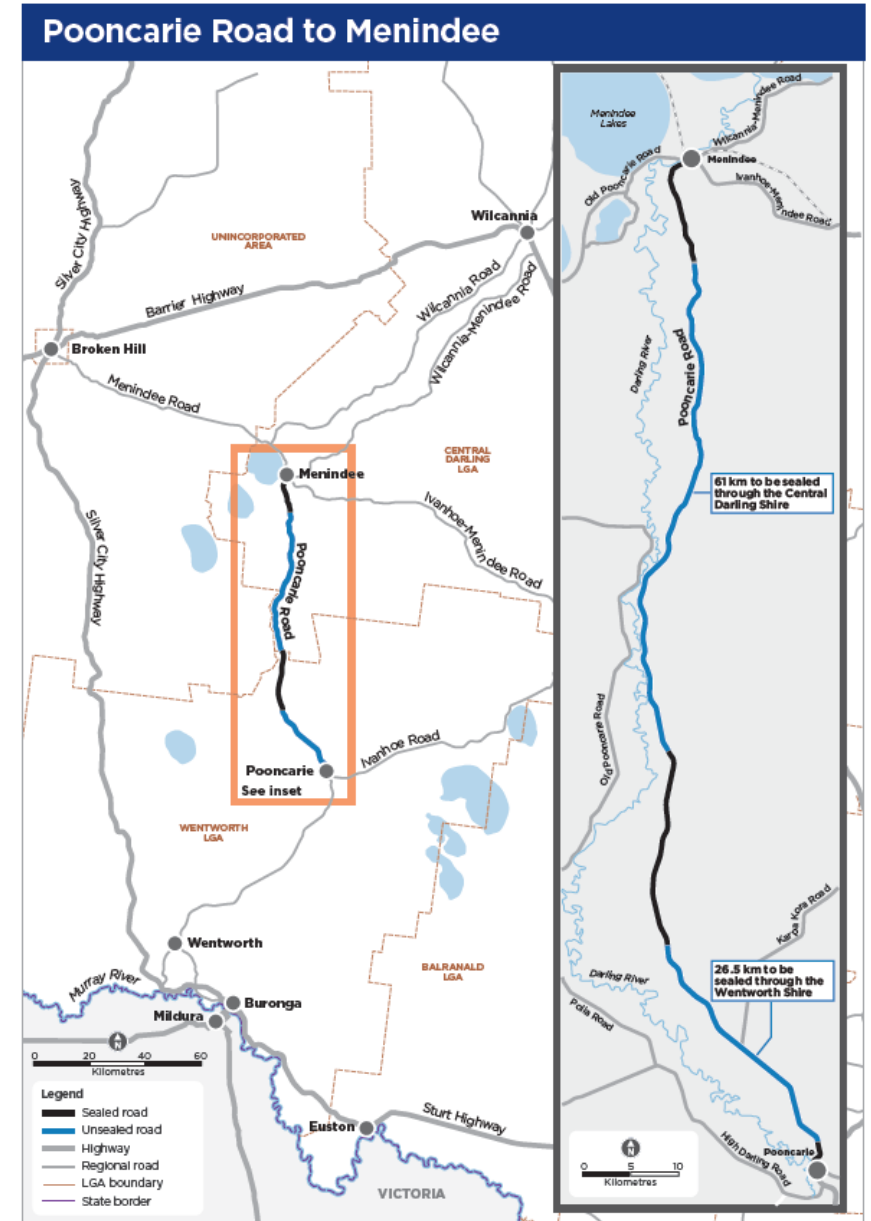
Pooncarie Road

Central Darling Shire Council & Wentworth Shire Council

Funding: \$48.8 million

Completion expected: 2024

- 87.5 kilometres of bitumen sealing will ensure motorists enjoy safer, faster and more reliable journeys. Work started in January 2021.
 - Central Darling Shire Council - 61 kilometres.
 - Wentworth Shire Council - 26.5 kilometres
- A fully sealed road will reduce travel times by about 90 minutes between Menindee and Wentworth when completed.



Grade Separating Road Rail Interfaces

In Development

- Four proposed grade separations along Inland Rail, Narromine to Narrabri, are in development:
 - Castlereagh Highway at Curban
 - Tomingley Road at Narromine
 - Eumungerie Road near Narromine
 - Oxley Highway near Collie.
- Projects not in construction are included in the Federal Government's Infrastructure Investment Strategic Review that is currently underway.

Key Benefits:

- Improving road and rail safety, reducing travel delays and improving freight accessibility.



West Region Road Toll

Rural Road Safety Month September 2023

- West Region makes up 60 per cent of NSW. About 5% of the NSW population live here, yet it accounts for around 13% of the State's road toll.
- From 2018-2022, 39% of fatal crashes involved speeding, 27% involved fatigue and 22% involved alcohol.
- 81% occurred on roads with a speed of 100/110km/h speed limit.
- Heavy reliance on private transport, and the vehicle fleet tends to be older in regional areas.
- TfNSW undertakes a formal Fatal Crash Investigation on the State-managed network and can assist Councils if requested.



Public Transport Trials in Western NSW

Saturday Services Trial

- Menindee to Broken Hill.
- Wilcannia to Broken Hill.
- Wentworth to Mildura.

White Cliffs to Broken Hill

- Fortnightly Service to Broken Hill.

Western Region Sport and Active Program

- Transport subsidies provided to assist communities attend sport and active recreation.

Bourke Flexible Transport

- Trial operating since February 2023.
- Very well patronised
- Tender is now closed and under consideration



Road Safety Campaigns

Duck Creek Races – Plan B, July 2023

- Nearly 4700 patrons attended the Duck Creek Races.
- TfNSW contributed to the hire of a bus to ensure the safe transport of race-goers back home.
- Plan B event kit included portable breathalyser machine, banners, flags, T-shirts, and other merchandise.
- 260 patrons used the breathalyser machine on the morning after the event, with approximately 10% being over the limit.
- Do you have a similar event in your area?
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