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## **Black Gully Bridge Replacement Project in full swing**

The last timber constructed bridge in the Warrumbungle Shire is on track to be replaced with a new concrete structure with site works now commenced on the Black Gully Bridge Replacement Project in Binnaway.

“Council obtained a grant from the NSW Government under the Fixing Country Bridges (FCB) Program to replace Black Gully Bridge,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “The FCB Program is specifically aimed at replacing timber bridges and Black Gully Bridge is the last remaining bridge in the Shire that has been constructed in timber.”

Black Gully Bridge is located on Leaders Road around 4.9km south of Binnaway. Contractors commenced on site on 9 August 2023.

The side-track has been constructed, the old bridge demolished and the piles for the new bridge have now been driven. Structural works are scheduled to be completed before the end of September 2023. After concrete curing time Council will complete the approaches and erect the approach guard fence.

The total cost of the project is \$1.06m with \$1.03m coming from the Fixing Country Bridges Program.

“Black Gully Bridge is a relatively small bridge with a span of just 8.8 metres and a width of 5 metres. The replacement bridge will be constructed on the same road alignment and height; however, the new bridge will have a span of 12 metres and a width of 6 metres,” Cr Doolan explained.

“Council would like to thank the NSW Government for funding this project, allowing the necessary works to go ahead,” Cr Doolan concluded.

The bridge is expected to be completed by November 2023.

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