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STRENGTHENING NIMMO BRIDGE IN MYRTLEFORD

Works to strengthen Nimmo Bridge on Buffalo River Road at Myrtleford in Victoria's north-east are now underway, thanks to the Australian and Victorian governments.

The works are being carried out underneath the bridge to strengthen its foundations and ensure it can continue operating as an important link for locals, farmers and visitors to the region.

It will see three central piers strengthened to better support the bridge, with deeper and stronger piles and pile caps.

The works are vital due to erosion of the Ovens River riverbed below.

The area is also susceptible to flooding, resulting in soil and riverbed being washed away during heavy rain events.

A new foundation in place will allow the bridge structure to become capable of carrying the current traffic load, even if the riverbed continues to erode further.

While there will be limited disruption to the bridge crossing itself during the bridge strengthening works, traffic management will be in place on site as required to ensure the safety of workers and road users.

To allow for the movement of construction machinery, materials and crane lifts, there will be temporary lane closures and traffic speed restrictions.

The \$3.5 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian governments and comes with \$1.2 million being provided as part of the Australian Government Bridges Renewal Program.

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, and Member for Eden-Monaro, the Hon Kristy McBain

"This project will strengthen Nimmo Bridge and ensure it can continue operating as a critical link for locals, farmers and visitors to the popular alpine region."

Quote attributable to Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

“We’re getting on with delivering these works to strengthen Nimmo Bridge – which are vital to protect the community and ensure local families, farmers and workers can safely get to where they need to go.”

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

“These works will benefit our farmers, freight operators and suppliers to ensure they can keep travelling safely on Nimmo Bridge and throughout the area.”

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