



Transport for NSW

New Grafton bridge

Project update



Aerial view of the New Grafton bridge (August 2020)

Help name the new Grafton bridge - details inside



Aerial view of the new roundabout (August 2020)



Roundabout complete

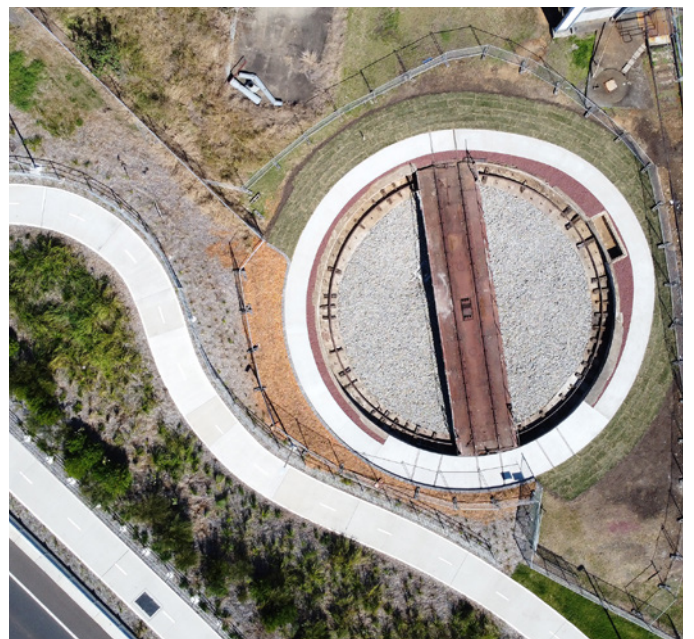
The new roundabout at the intersection of Big River Way and the Gwydir Highway (Charles Street) opened to traffic on 14 August. The opening of the final traffic configuration marked the final major milestone for the project. New pedestrian signals in Charles Street were also switched on in August.



Celebrating rail history

Transport for NSW has taken steps to preserve a piece of history in South Grafton. In July work started to clean up the site around the historic rail turntable in South Grafton.

The rail turntable, which is clearly visible from the new shared user path built as part of the bridge project, is a key feature of the old railway precinct in South Grafton. Signage will be installed in the coming weeks detailing the history of the turntable and the South Grafton rail precinct.



The South Grafton rail turntable



Help name the new bridge

Transport for NSW (TfNSW), in partnership with Clarence Valley Council and the local community, will name the new Grafton bridge. Naming major bridges provides a useful navigational reference for motorists and allows the community to recognise and celebrate cultural, historical and social connections in the region. The community is now invited to provide suggested names for the new bridge.



Bridge naming process

The NSW Geographical Names Board recommends:

- Bridge names should be easy to pronounce, spell and write and should not exceed three words (including the term 'bridge') or 25 characters (an exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names when it is accepted that a traditional name may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted by the community)
- Aboriginal names and names acknowledging the multicultural nature of our society, or recognising the heritage of an area - such as the names of early explorers, settlers, naturalists and events - are encouraged
- Discriminatory or derogatory names are not acceptable.




We are accepting digital and paper submissions during the consultation period.

TfNSW will approve the recommended names put forward by council provided that:

- The name has wide community support
- An Aboriginal name has the support of local Aboriginal groups
- The name is consistent with GNB place name criteria.

Have your say:

The community is invited to provide suggested names for the new bridge through any of the following:

-  <https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/graftonbridgenaming>
-  bridgenaming@transport.nsw.gov.au
-  Grafton bridge naming submissions
c/- Grafton Regional Office,
PO Box 576
Grafton NSW 2460.

We will receive submissions until 5pm on Wednesday 30 September 2020.

**Have
your
say**



An aerial view of the bridge, looking south

Timeline for naming the new Grafton bridge

Community invited to provide bridge name suggestions until Wednesday 30 September 2020

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All bridge name suggestions collated in a report and provided to Clarence Valley Council for review consideration

Council will review the submissions against the naming criteria and recommend a bridge name to TfNSW

TfNSW, as the bridge naming authority, reviews recommended names against the *Guidelines for the determination of place names*. If the recommended names meet the criteria and complies with TfNSW signage standards, the names will be approved.

Approved bridge names announced jointly by TfNSW and council.



An Aboriginal name is encouraged for the new bridge

Plaque back in place

As part of the project's finishing work the marble plaque that was attached to the base of the Pound Street viaduct has been reinstated. This plaque was removed during construction and replacement of the old rail bridge.

This plaque was originally fixed in conjunction with the planting of jacaranda trees along Pound Street from Clarence Street to the river to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reign of King George V. The plaque has once again taken pride of place on the bridge viaduct.



The marble plaque now reinstated under the Pound Street rail bridge

Thank you

Major work is now complete on the new Grafton bridge. Transport for NSW and its contract partner, Fulton Hogan, would like to thank the Grafton community and road users for their patience and support during work to build this important piece of infrastructure.

The project has improved traffic efficiency between Grafton and South Grafton and enhanced safety for all road users.

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Contact the project team



Aerial view of the bridge, looking west



The new Grafton bridge is transforming road usage



Thank you for your support and patience during this work



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