Season's greetings as we bring you the December edition of Across the Bridge. Roads and Maritime is continuing work to modernise and improve the Sydney Harbour Bridge with the new access lifts to the pedestrian walkway now in operation and planning continuing on other projects on and surrounding the bridge.

New Year’s Eve 2018 in Sydney is fast approaching. It’s important to plan ahead to ensure your night is memorable for the right reasons. Visit sydneynewyearseve.com for more information to help plan your own New Year’s Eve celebration.

Don’t forget that access across Sydney Harbour Bridge will be restricted at various times to allow the bridge to play the starring role in the fireworks spectacular.

Visit livetraffic.com for live closure times, traffic updates and traveller information.
Northern toll plaza precinct upgrade

We sought community feedback in October 2017 on the proposed upgrade to the northern toll plaza precinct, which would remove the redundant northern toll booths and simplify traffic lanes through this area.

We received 26 submissions during the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) display period, all of which were submitted by members of the public. We have prepared a submissions report which summarises the feedback and responses. Some changes have been made to the design, you can view or download the report on the project webpage.

We will continue to develop the detailed design for the upgrade and will keep the community informed as the project progresses.

Sydney Harbour Bridge Access Lifts

In March this year we started work to make the bridge more accessible with new lifts to the walkway being built. The new lifts were opened on Wednesday 17 October and work to refurbish the building next to the southern lift is expected to finish by the end of the year.

Thank you to the community for their patience during this important work which ensures that everybody can enjoy the experience of being on one of Australia’s most recognisable landmarks.
Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway access proposals

We have continued to plan the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway access proposals for both the southern and northern end of the bridge throughout 2018.

Northern cycle ramp

In late 2017 we displayed an options report to seek community feedback and provide information about the preferred option for the project. Based on the feedback we received from the community and stakeholders, we have completed further investigations into alternative ramp alignments, and options such as lifts and travellators.

Throughout 2018 we have met with a number of key stakeholders, working through suitable options for the project. It is expected Roads and Maritime will display a recommended preferred option in 2019. Submissions from the display will be considered before a final decision is made on the preferred option.

Southern cycle ramp

Following the display of the Review of Environmental Factors in late 2017, we continue to work closely with the City of Sydney and other key stakeholders to further develop the design and ensure the project integrates into the Observatory Hill area.

We will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses.
Sydney Harbour Bridge repainting program

Roads and Maritime are continuing work to conserve the Sydney Harbour Bridge by protecting the steelwork from corrosion. Our repainting program involves removing the existing paint, repairing the steel structure and applying new lead-free paint.

Work on the western side of the bridge is continuing with the containment structure continuing to move north. Work on the eastern side of the bridge is also continuing with work in the containment structure at the halfway mark.

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Workers installing the containment structure for the repainting program