



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT REACHES FINISH LINE**

Major work is now complete on the entire Windsor Bridge replacement project, marking the end of almost three years of construction.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said the opening of the whole of Thompson Square, including the park, terrace and viewing platform, gives back to the community 500 square metres of recreational space and marks the end of major work on the project.

“Since the late 1700s, the historical Thompson Square has undergone many significant changes to transform into the recreational space it is today,” Ms Preston said.

“The most recent changes will provide better access for pedestrians and cyclists including to The Terrace carpark and Windsor Wharf, as well as improved safety and amenity with new lighting and landscaping.

“Transport for NSW has also paid homage to Windsor’s history by installing heritage interpretation signs throughout the square as well as a viewing platform made from parts of the original Windsor Bridge.

“In addition, thousands of artefacts including Aboriginal stone artefacts used for hunting and fishing were salvaged during the project and many of them are now on display at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum in Windsor.

Robyn Preston MP said overall the Windsor Bridge replacement project has been a significant development in the township of Windsor and the surrounding Hawkesbury area.

“The project involved replacing the bridge, upgrading sections of the surrounding road network and activating the historic Thompson Square,” Ms Preston said.

“Work started in 2018 to replace the bridge to improve traffic flow, increase flood resilience and provide a more reliable and safer crossing of the Hawkesbury River for motorists and pedestrians.

“The original bridge was built for horse-drawn vehicles and foot traffic in 1874 and was used by more than 19,000 vehicles a day before reaching the end of its usable life.

“The new bridge, which was opened in May last year with an extra southbound lane to increase road capacity and new shared paths to help improve cyclist and pedestrian connectivity across the river to Macquarie Park and Windsor town centre.

“New traffic lights at the George Street intersection and turning lanes in to George and Macquarie streets were also installed as part of the project.”

Minor work will continue in coming months. Transport for NSW thanks the community for the patience during this time.

Images available to download [here](#).

For more information about the Windsor Bridge replacement project visit <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/windsor-bridge-replacement/index.html>

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