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What's coming up?

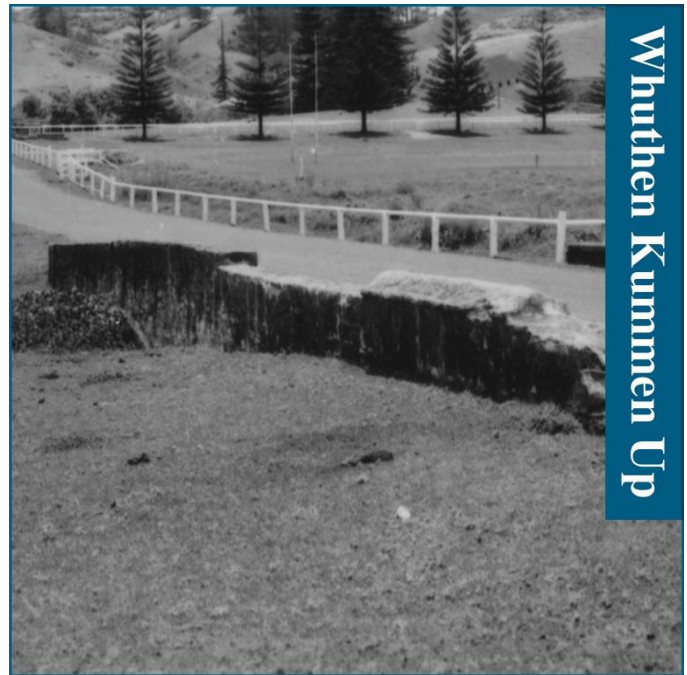
Great news for the community and Kingston visitors, with works on the Bounty Street Bridge expected to begin early next year. The Bounty Street Bridge has been closed to vehicles since 2019, due to a very high risk of loss of structural integrity.

AECOM has prepared a design to strengthen the bridge and undertake conservation works. With funding for the project confirmed, we expect to be all systems go in the first quarter of 2025.

The tender documentation for the project will be released by early 2025.

We will be undertaking the repair works in accordance to the Notice of Referral Decision under section 75 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

For more information about the Referral Decision go to [All referrals · EPBC Act Public Portal](#) and search 'Bounty Street Bridge'.



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What's been happening?

We have been busy over the past months restoring and upgrading buildings and amenities across KAVHA.

You may notice a number of port-a-loos in place – replacing public toilets in the short term – while we improve amenities in Kingston in time to connect to the new sewer lines, including upgrades to the Cemetery toilets.

You may also see we are replacing ridge capping, barge boards and gutters at Old Military Barracks, and restoring the chimneys at the Pier Store and Royal Engineers Office, with plastering and recapping helping prevent water intrusion.

The KAVHA maintenance team have been working with the Cemetery Sexton to assist in repairing some of the damaged headstones. Repairs are carried out using traditional and modern materials as required. Would you believe the repaired headstone pictured was broken into three and had missing pieces!



Spotlight on

Who's Yuu?

Welcome to Director Charles Brister who is now heading up the Norfolk Island Operations Team. Charlie brings a wealth of experience to the role and is already getting on with the job of helping conserve and preserve KAVHA as one of Australia's most important heritage sites.

Supporting Charlie are the KAVHA leadership team who each brings specialist skills and experience to their roles; Heather Bruce – Heritage and Governance coordinator, Mike Johnston – KAVHA Site Supervisor, Naydene Murray – finance and procurement support officer, Maree Evans – Museum Manager, Tom Sapienza – Site Archaeologist and Claire Quintal – Project Manager.

To keep the community better informed and updated on the latest news from Kingston, we are introducing this regular newsletter. If you want to know more about any of these articles, please contact 23315 or email KAVHASecretariat@infrastructure.gov.au.

Cooks Landing Exhibition

Visit the Norfolk Island Museum's exhibition commemorating Captain Cook's visit to the island 250 years ago, now on at the Royal Engineers Office. This exhibition focuses on that momentous day and can be viewed Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm

Image source: SLNSW PXD11



Keep safe and obey road closures

The community is reminded of the need to obey traffic signs and road closures, for your safety and that of workers. This is particularly important at the moment with the works on the Kingston sewer project requiring traffic controls.

There have been a number of incidents recently. Works will soon approach the intersection of Country Road and then on the Taylors Road hill, with road closures in place to protect drivers and workers.

We ask that you read the signs and follow any directions to keep everyone safe on Kingston's roads.

Other news

Did you know that the earliest photograph or drawing of The Arched Building at Longridge is from about 1900? (Though of course, there are some that might disagree – let us know, if so!)

The Arched Building dates from the 1840s and is directly associated with the penal settlement on Norfolk Island (1825–1855) when the island became a prison for reoffending convicts.

At that time, Longridge was a major agricultural station on the island and the building—constructed toward the end of the penal settlement—was an important part of the station's extensive agricultural infrastructure and former convict estate. It is the largest and most aesthetically impressive of the former station buildings still in existence.

This historically significant building ruin is included on the Commonwealth Heritage List for which the department has prepared a Heritage Management Plan. This plan is ready for public comment and will be advertised separately.



Commonly known as the 'Arches' or the 'Stables' this image of the Arched Building at Longridge was taken by David Cuthbert, superintendent at the cable station, sometime between 1905 and 1908.