

Macquarie Pier Rehabilitation Project Community Notice

February 2026

Port Authority of NSW is restoring damaged sections of the Macquarie Pier Seawall to stabilise these critical harbour structures.

Macquarie Pier begun in the early 19th century, with its foundation stone laid by Governor Lachlan Macquarie on 5 August 1818. It was constructed as both a breakwater and a causeway linking the mainland to what was then Nobbys Island, improving safety for ships entering Newcastle Harbour. This major engineering project played a key role in the development of Newcastle as a commercial port.

Work schedule

Works are expected to start week commencing 2 March 2026 and be completed by May 2026, weather permitting.

What work are we doing?

- Works are taking place at 3 locations along the seawall.
- Removing loose and damaged stone and concrete from the seawall.
- Stabilising and filling voids within the seawall.
- Reinstating the seawall structure to match adjacent sections.

Construction hours

Work will take place during standard hours:


- Monday to Friday: 7:00am – 6:00pm
- Saturday (if required): 8:00am – 1:00pm
- No work on public holidays

What to Expect

- A temporary contractor compound will be established for the secure storage of equipment and material.
- Scaffold access will be installed over parts of the breakwater and construction equipment will be operating along the pier under a traffic management plan and traffic control procedures.
- Pedestrian and cycle access along Macquarie Pier will be maintained throughout the works. Vehicle access will be limited and should be arranged with Port Authority.

Stay Connected

If you have an enquiry or complaint during these works, please call our 24/7 call centre.

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