

Limerick Tunnel Public Open Day

This is your chance to be one of the first members of the public ever to walk under the River Shannon.

Writes Tom King, General Manager for DirectRoute Limerick Ltd.

After four years of construction and almost 4 million man hours later, the Limerick Tunnel is approaching the end of its construction phase.

The National Roads Authority (NRA) and DirectRoute Limerick Ltd (DRLL) are delighted to announce the second and final Limerick Tunnel Public Open Day to be held on Saturday 19th June. The Limerick Tunnel was first opened to the public on 26th July 2008 mid way through the construction phase. This was the last chance for the public to see the tunnel elements, constructed in a large casting basin on the North side of the River, before they were floated out and immersed for all time under the River Shannon.

This Public Open Day also marks “a last chance” for the public to walk through the tunnel before it is opened to traffic later in the summer. The tunnel will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 07:00 pm this Saturday. The Park and Ride operators will drop you off/ pick you up at the Dock Road on-slip where you can then walk across the scenic Bunlicky Lake Causeway before entering the Northbound Tunnel bore.

The outward journey is approximately 1.5km. When you emerge on the North side of the Tunnel, having crossed under the Shannon, you can visit our Information Marquee to view a full scale model of the tunnel scheme or use our canteen facilities, with catering being provided by Delish. The return trip, through



A view inside the Limerick Tunnel

the Southbound Tunnel bore is approximately 1.5km, so bring your walking shoes!

Park and Rides will be available from the following locations:

- The Limerick Race Course, Greenmount Park, Patrickswell.
- City East Plaza ,Ballysimon Road
- The Kilmurray Lodge Hotel, Dublin Road, Castletroy

In addition to the Park and Rides, parking will be available in Michael Gabbett's field adjacent to the scheme with access off the Dock Road Roundabout.

We strongly advise all members

of the public to use the Park and Ride facilities as there is no on-road parking at the Dock Road nor on the Tunnel Project Road.

DirectRoute in association with the Limerick Rotary Clubs is running a fund-raiser to support a number of local charities, including The Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland (Limerick Branch), The Milford Care Centre and the Thomond House Hostels for the Homeless. A special edition of the Limerick Tunnel Commerative Book will be on sale on the day and all proceeds will be donated to these charities. The Live 95fm Roadshow will also be on site during the afternoon to report on the progress of the open day and to entertain all our guests.