

Road Conditions at a Glance

- Alexandra Range – Open to all traffic **5am to Midnight**. Vehicles up to 12.5 metres in length and up to 25 tonnes. If towing a trailer, caravan or campervan, total length must not exceed 12.5 metres.
- Thornton's Beach – Dual lanes open to all traffic through to Madja Boardwalk – no traffic management required.
- Noah Creek Bridge – Open to all vehicles 16 tonnes or under.
- Noah Creek Causeway – Suitable for trucks over 16 tonnes. It is tidal and has been rebuilt several times.
- Noah Range – Open to residents and service providers **4:30am to 7:30am; midday to 1pm** and **4:30pm to 8:30pm**. From **Wednesday 27 March 2024**, all vehicles will be able to travel under traffic management **6am to 7:30pm**.
- Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road – Closed. Expected to be open to 4WD end of June 2024, but this is weather dependent.

Cape Tribulation Road - Alexandra Range

The opening time has been extended by ½ hour, so the range is open to all traffic from 5am to Midnight. Vehicles up to 12.5 metres in length and up to 25 tonnes may travel. If towing a trailer, caravan or campervan, total length must not exceed 12.5 metres.

Cairns based stabilisation experts, Geo Construct Pty Ltd have been awarded the contract to repair sites 1, 2 and 3, north of Alexandra Lookout.

Crews will be on site after Easter, and this will not change current traffic management.

Work is estimated to take 12 weeks putting project completion by 21 June 2024, subject to weather.

Once completed, dual lanes can be reinstated, and the 4.6-kilometre traffic control section can be shortened which will reduce waiting times.

Of significance is that Alexandra Lookout will be outside the traffic management area, enabling entry and exit without waiting.

Cape Trib Road – North of Thornton's Beach

All loose material from both major landslips has now been removed and mass concrete blocks have been installed on the road shoulder.

Tour buses have been allowed past the traffic control point to access Madja Boardwalk and walks at Noah Creek Eco Huts since 20 March.

The traffic control point has now been removed and dual lanes are available allowing all vehicles. No further work is planned at this site in the short term.

Cape Tribulation Road - Noah Creek

Noah Creek Bridge

The bridge is open to all vehicles 16 tonnes or under. It is subject to regular monitoring by structural engineers.

Prior to Tropical Cyclone Jasper, the bridge had an excess mass permit structure up to 39 tonnes. This is no longer available.

The existing design plans are going to be modified to have the new bridge built on the same alignment as the existing bridge. The bridge components will be pre-cast to speed up construction time. Timing of the new bridge is dependent on getting the long components, such as the deck units, across Alexandra Range.

Noah Creek Causeway

Prior to construction of the new bridge commencing, the reinstated causeway will be substantially upgraded. The design brief requires the causeway withstand future major flooding and be suitable for all vehicles.

Until construction commences, the existing causeway, which is subject to tides, will be maintained to allow trucks and heavy machinery to cross the creek.

Cape Trib Road - Noah Range

Noah Range – Open to residents and services providers:

- 4.30am to 7.30am
- Midday to 1pm
- 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

From Wednesday 27 March 2024, all vehicles will be able to travel under traffic management 6am to 7:30pm.

The 10 days-on, 4 days-off roster was replaced with continuous 7-day shifts using a rotating crew.

Trucks will still be present on the Noah Range clearing material from the upslope. The excavator is positioned behind the mass blocks, and while trucks are being loaded, they are on the road.

Travellers may experience delays of 15 minutes or less, while trucks are being loaded with material being cleared away. This activity will continue for the next three to four weeks, with a four-day break in works over Easter.

Work performed over the past week to enable the road to be opened includes:

- Improving the road surface so it is suitable for all vehicles. This included replacing the slippery material from the landslip with a high-grade gravel material.
- The road now has a 4° crossfall, so the water drains off the road surface more quickly.

Permanent Solution

Geo technical engineers are continuing to investigate the permanent solution. Advice at this stage, subject to more geotechnical information and survey, is that the options include stabilising the slope or removal of the unstable material above the existing slip.

Rykers Road

Emergency works are continuing at Rykers Bridge. Local access is available to residents and businesses.

In the past week, heavy rain re-deposited a large quantity of debris over the crossing and scoured the approaches.

This required significant work to reinstate the crossing.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Yes, the name has changed from Bloomfield Track which is the local vernacular. Moving forward, the official name will be used as we incorporate maps and need to ensure consistency.

There are multiple landslips and geotechnical failures along the length of 26km section from Rykers Bridge to Zig Zag intersection.

Repair work is well underway between Rykers Bridge and Emmagen Creek.

Much of the work over the past week has involved clearing away debris and cleaning drains.

At one location, a large culvert was 90 per cent blocked and the inlet buried under 8 metres of debris. Rainfall caused the waterway to overtop and cause significant downslope erosion making it unsafe for construction machinery to pass. Temporary repairs were done allowing emergency diversion works to be completed. This involved pumping out the inlet to excavate and clean culvert inlet.

Wet Tropics Management Authority and Cultural Heritage site assessments have been completed at sites between Rykers and Emmagen Creek.

A second crew has started at northern end working south from Zig Zag intersection.

Repairs are on track to open the road by 30 June 2024, weather permitting.

CREB Track

A local contractor has been engaged to attend to the second crossing. At the end of Upper Daintree Road, when the water level drops sufficient to safely complete the works.

Community Reference Group

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited for people to become members of the Cape Tribulation Road Community Reference Group. The EOI and Draft Terms of Reference are attached.

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