

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.
- 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 all vehicles **6am to 7:30pm**.
- Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road – Closed. Aiming to reopen the 4WD track end of June 2024.

Cape Tribulation Road - Alexandra Range

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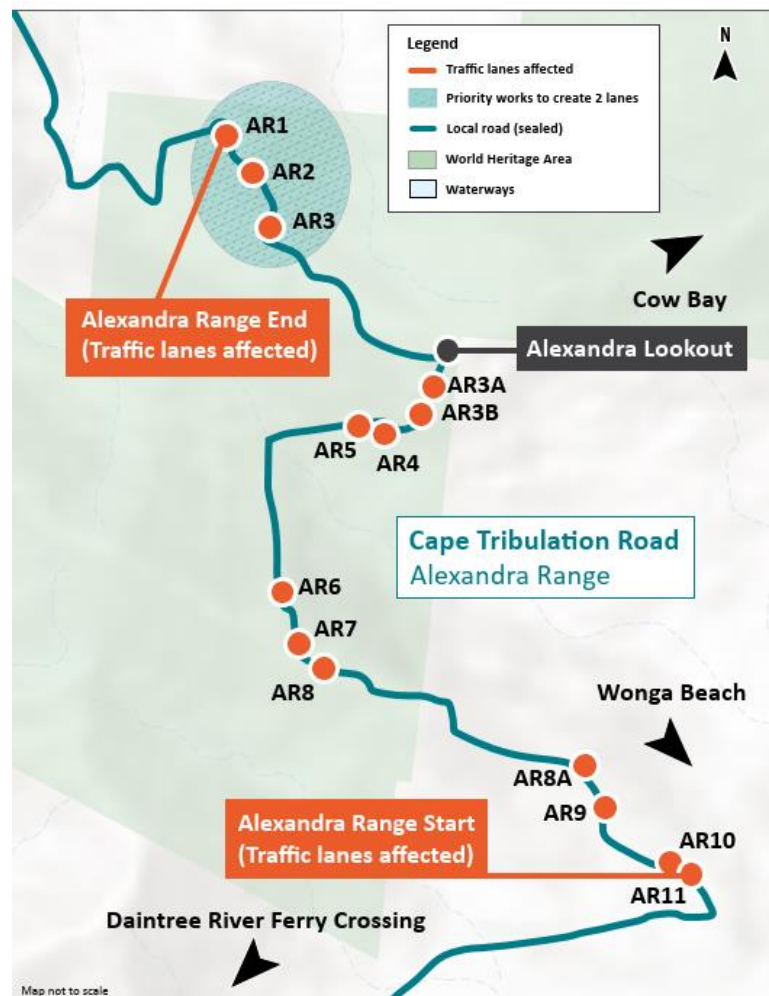
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Over the past week, there have been lots of leaves, making the road slippery. In amongst the leaves there is debris and small rocks. Council has therefore made the decision to have the road swept each morning to improve safety.

Construction crews will be at sites AR1, AR2 and AR3 – as indicated in the diagram - after Easter.

Work is estimated to take at least 3 months putting project completion late June 2024, but is subject to weather.

Once completed, dual lanes can be reinstated, and the traffic control section will be moved to just north of site AR3A, shortening the wait times.



Cape Trib Road – Alexandra Range through to Noah Range

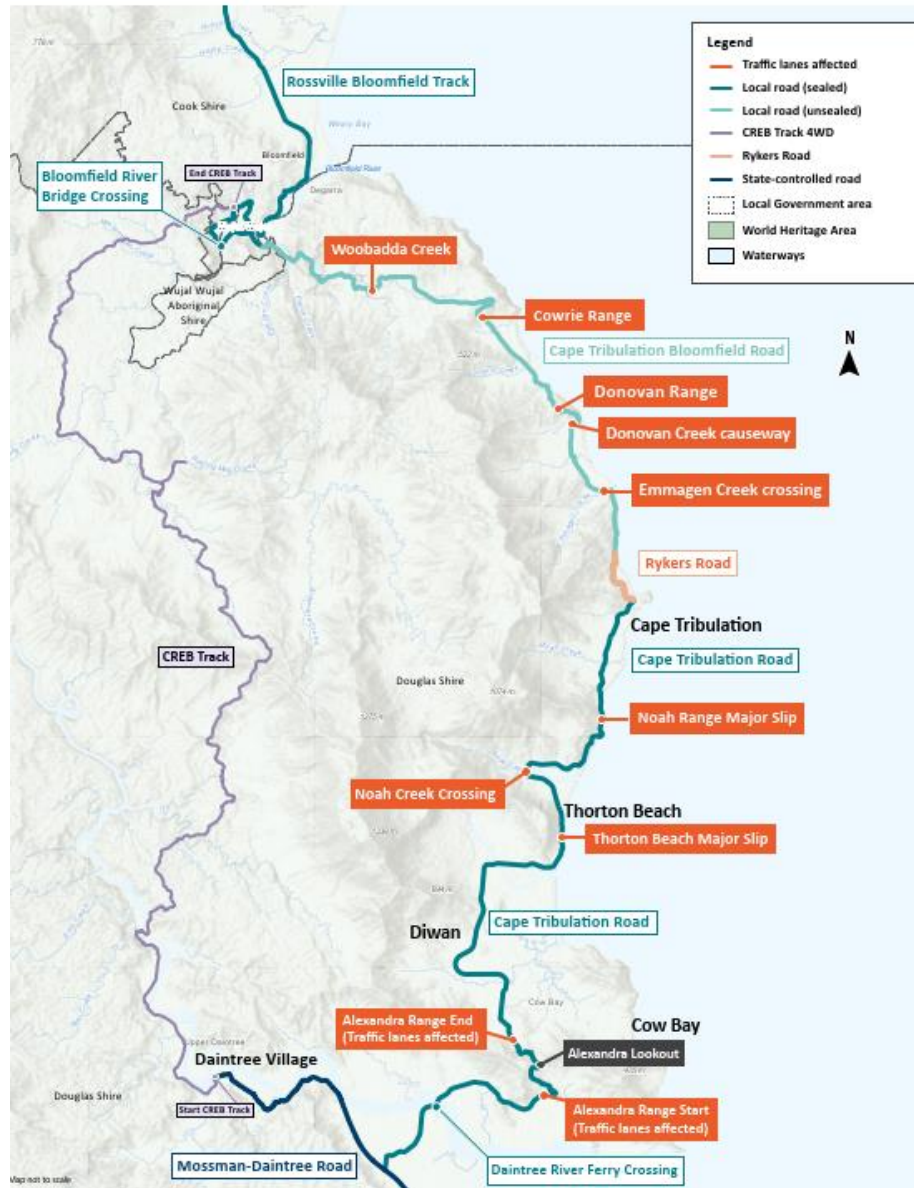
Pavement repairs were completed at various locations on Cape Tribulation Road between the end of the Alexandra Range and Noah Range landslip.

Noah Creek Bridge is open to all vehicles 16 tonnes or under. The bridge is subject to structural monitoring on an as needed basis.

Cape Trib Road - Noah Range

All vehicles are able to travel under traffic management 6am to 7:30pm.

There are no work activities planned over the Easter break, and Council has put in place back up crews should bad weather occur.



Rykers Road & Rykers Bridge

Debris has been cleared away from the bridge several times after heavy rainfall. The volume of debris upstream from Rykers Bridge is enormous. It extends 3-5 metres high for a long way up the creek. While we are still in the wet season, it has been agreed not to try and clear it all away. This would take significant resources which could be better deployed elsewhere. Instead, with the right equipment and personnel in the area, any damage from major rainfall events can be addressed immediately.

RoadTek is working closely with Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) and Traditional Owners to ensure that wherever possible World Heritage values are not compromised. This is a challenging task after such a devastating natural event, but the relationship is collaborative and is not impeding repairs.

Douglas Shire Council and WTMA are in the process of working on a more permanent solution for Rykers Bridge, and in the interim, as stated above, the bridge will be repaired quickly.

Road closure signs have been installed north of Cape Trib Beach House.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Handover of works at the northern end of the road by Douglas Shire Council to RoadTek commenced last week but bad weather prevented any significant progress. Work will recommence April 2, 2024.

At the southern end, the road is impassable to all construction vehicles south of Emmagen Creek. A severe downslope failure located about 2.8km north of Rykers Creek will require significant repair before construction machinery can pass. This is referred to as Site 18. (Pictured).

To exacerbate the issue, there are several sites south of site 18 where trucks bringing materials cannot yet cross. A geotech engineer attended earlier this week, and an appropriate repair methodology is in the process of being finalised.

Site 18 will be RoadTek's highest priority in the program after Easter.

Crews are now on Easter break, returning 2 April. Upon their return, crews will be working a 10 day-on 4 day-off roster.

The program has been reworked and a completion date of 30 June is still on the cards, but the recent bad weather chewed up much of the allowance for rain delays. This means if we get significant rain moving forward - this date is in jeopardy.



Zig Zag, China Camp and 10 Mile Road

Over the past few weeks, contractors have been repairing washouts on Zig Zag, China Camp Road and 10 Mile Road.

There are three properties on Zig Zag Road which owners have been unable to access since before the Cyclone. Council has the pipes and material to restore access but needs to repair the washouts at the northern end of China Camp Road before equipment and materials can get through. The plan is to start work on China Camp Road Monday 8 April.

CREB Track

No update this week.

Community Reference Group

Five people have registered thus far to join the Reference Group. Terms of Reference and Expression in Interest forms may be accessed here. [Daintree Coast Road Update - Cape Tribulation Road & Bloomfield Track \(douglas.qld.gov.au\)](#). Enquiries Gaye Scott, 0418 793 009 gaye.scott@douglas.qld.gov.au