

Cape Tribulation Road – 3 May 2024.

Cape Tribulation Road is open to all vehicles from the Daintree River through to just past Cape Trib Beach House. Beyond that the road is closed to all vehicles.

There are some weight, time and length restrictions:

Alexandra Range – Open 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 < 12.5 metres.

Noah Creek Bridge is open to all vehicles 16 tonnes or under. Vehicles above 16 tonnes must use the causeway upstream.

Noah Range is open from 6am to 7:30pm. Council is working on measures to allow the opening hours to be extended by the end of next week.

Alexandra Range

GEO Construct is on site repairing Sites 1, 2 & 3.

Sites 1 & 3 require benching on the downslope. The size of the equipment to do the benching requires the orange barriers to be moved when the machine is working at either of these two sites and to ensure the safety of the workers. This narrows the available lane width and dictates the 12.5 metre length restriction.

McKenzie Creek Culvert

Removal of sand will continue until at least the end of next week – 10 May 2024.

Noah Range

Monitoring & Opening Hours

The SSR-XT 3D Real Aperture Radar has been packaged up and is enroute. It is due on site next week. Once in place and calibrated, staff will be trained on how to operate.

The radar monitors slopes in high risk areas and can detect changes and set off alarms before any major slope movement. It will therefore allow extended road opening hours and support safety measures for road users.

FNQ Traffic Control has already confirmed it has secured sufficient traffic control personnel to enable the additional hours of Noah Range to be extended until midnight 7 days a week.

Removal of Vegetation Mass

Access is challenging and Council is working with Wet Tropics Management Authority and Cultural Heritage to enable a track to be cut through the rainforest to enable equipment to access and remove material. The site is very constrained and currently too wet to access.

Engineers are assessing the best option for the track considering many factors such as safety, environmental disturbance, program, etc.

Noah Creek

The temporary causeway design is nearing completion. The permit process for both the causeway and the bridge is underway.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

The weather has been relatively kind over the past week, and contractors remain on track to complete repairs to be able to have the 4WD road open by 30 June.

China Camp Road

Machinery started at the northern end of China Camp Road on Monday 29 April, working towards China Camp. The grader has made it to Yard Ck culverts though has slowed down as some areas in that section have required a substantial amount of fill.

Further up the road at Watermelon Creek is going to need some rock on the approaches to the creek crossing and currently wet weather is prohibiting the transportation of rock up the access road as it is too slippery.

Zig Zag

Zig Zag Road on the northern side of the Meg Crossing still has a deep washout requiring a pipe and gravel. We are aiming to have a machine getting fitted with new tracks up there next week.

Southern approach of the Meg Crossing is still inaccessible due to trees and debris that cannot be removed until we can get into the area until we get access from China Camp Road.

10 Mile Rd, Dawnvale, Meg Falls (Kija) CREB

Southern end of Zig Zag Road, 10 Mile Road, Dawnvale, the Meg Falls access road and CREB will be started once access to China Camp has been completed.

Community Reference Group

Minutes of the fourth meeting held 26 April are published on Council's website. Follow the link [Reference Group Meeting Notes 26 April 2024](#) and click on View Latest Meeting Notes button.

The fifth meeting was held 3 May and the minutes will be published Tuesday 7 May 2024 ahead of the next meeting planned for Thursday 9 May.

Pictured: Woobadda Creek Bridge immediately following the cyclone and flooding.

Daintree Ferry

New Coolant System Installed

The new coolant system has been connected is currently being tested. The operator anticipates the trailer will be removed from the ferry deck by Monday 6 May.

Loaded Construction Vehicles

The ferry deck is 42 metres long and 12 metres wide.

Loaded construction vehicles are advised not to arrive on a low tide. Tide times can be found on the BOM website, [Queensland Tide Tables \(bom.gov.au\)](https://www.bom.gov.au). Scroll down to Port Douglas and then add one hour for Daintree River.

Dangerous Goods

Vehicles carrying Dangerous Goods are required to travel solo. To minimise delays to other travellers, vehicles are required to travel between the following times:

Travelling south to north:

- 6am and 9am
- 2pm and midnight

Travelling north to south

- 6am and 2pm
- 6pm and midnight

