

Alexandra Range

- Progress has been hampered by wet weather.
- Contractor has recorded 45 rain days
- There have been challenges encountered at two of the three additional landslip repair sites.
- Sites 21 and 22, shown below, have taken longer than expected to complete due to the challenging site conditions, including boulders and loose rock. This has pushed the completion date out to mid July.
- If possible before the June holidays, traffic control area will be reduced.



Road Conditions

16 May 2025

Cape Tribulation Road is open to all vehicles through to just past Cape Trib Beach House. A 4WD is needed to travel through to Emmagen Creek.

There are some weight, time and length restrictions.

- **Alexandra Range** – Open 5am to Midnight. If towing a trailer, caravan or campervan, total length cannot exceed 15.1 metres.
- Rigid vehicles cannot exceed 12.5 metres in length.
- Maximum weight of vehicles is 25 tonnes.
- Maximum width 2.7 metres.
- No cyclists permitted [can hitch a ride with traveller with a ute to carry bike.]
- Noah Creek Bridge has a weight restriction of 16 tonnes and a **5km/hr speed limit**
- **Noah Causeway** – Intermittent depending on weather and truck movements. No load limit.
- **Noah Range** – Open 24/7

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road - 4WDs.

- There are no weight or time restrictions, however the road is unsuitable for towing trailers, campervans or caravans.
- After the cyclone, emergency repairs were done, and it opened to 4WD vehicles in late June 2024.
- The permanent repairs have yet to be completed so the road is rough and is subject to flash flooding. Please check the weather before travelling and drive to conditions.

Zig Zag Road open to 4WD vehicles and there are no weight limits.

China Camp Road open to 4WD vehicles only. There is a 5 tonnes load limit on the concrete section from Ayton.

Ten Mile Road is open to 4WD vehicles only.

CREB Track – CLOSED. Aiming to open at the end of May 2025. Please check website.

Noah Bridge & Temporary Bypass

- The new bridge will be built on the same alignment as existing bridge.
- The temporary bypass, suitable for all vehicles, will be built on the same alignment as the current heavy vehicle bypass.
- This will mean that for a period of time, all vehicles travelling past Noah Creek will be limited to 16 tonne or less.
- This will mainly impact construction traffic as tourist vehicles, even the largest of caravans and mobile homes, are well below 9 tonnes and can therefore cross the existing bridge.
- We are still negotiating with Queensland Recovery Authority ((QRA) on the funding of the bridge and what elements are eligible.
- The DRFA team is also continuing to work with State Agency and Referral Agency (SARA) and environmental agencies to finalise environmental approvals around fish movements and protected plant species.
- The timeline is getting very tight. If not finalised soon, all or part of the project may need to be deferred until the 25/26 dry season.



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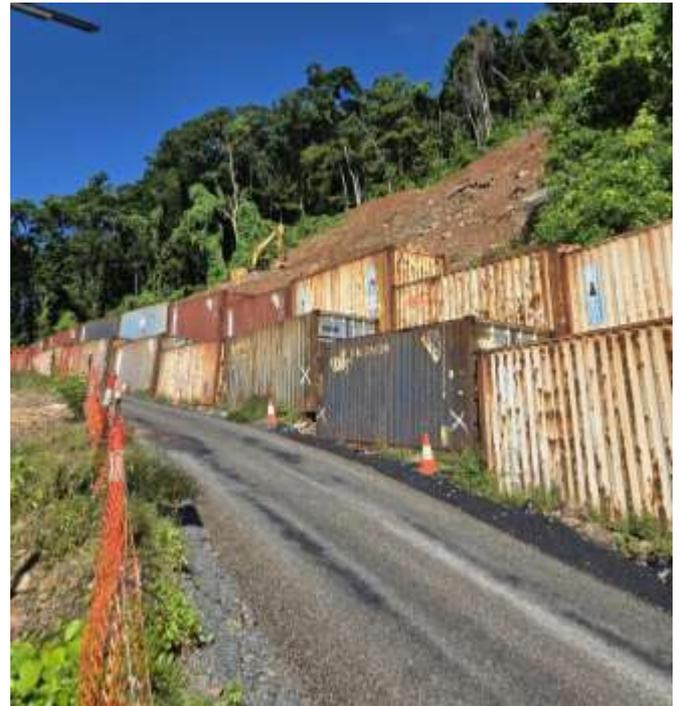
[Cassowary Strolling Across the Heavy Vehicle Bypass](#)

Daintree River Ferry Contract

- Ferry tenders will be workshopped with Councillors in June.
- Scheduled to be tabled at a Special Council meeting in July 2025.

Noah Range Landslip

- Wet weather over last few weeks has slowed works.
- Red Fox the geotechnical contractors have completed their design work, paving the way for repairs to commence.
- HEH is aiming to complete work by December 2025 weather permitting.
- The lights have been swapped out to enable traffic controllers at Noah's Range to actively manage traffic flow, eliminating the 2-minute wait.



Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- To recap, repairs to Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road have been divided into two separate contracts - landslips and road surface.
- The contract for repairing the ten landslips has been awarded to HEH.
- The contract for restoring the road surface has been awarded to NCP Civil.
- A street sign, *Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road* has now been installed at the start of the road just past the Bobby and Jacky Ball Bloomfield River Bridge.
- The disaster management team is looking at what early warning systems can be achieved at Woobadda Bridge and Emmagen Creek – but there are no guarantees.

Lee's Bridge and Taylors Crossing

- Tender for the construction of both bridges has been awarded to NQ Civil.

Degarra

- Holding works were completed on Banabilla and Evergreen Roads this week to enable better access for those in 2WDs.
- The contract for permanent repairs to all three unsealed roads in Degarra has been awarded to Durack Civil.
- This is the same contractor who has been awarded the \$9 million contract to deliver landside infrastructure for the new, wider, dual loading Daintree Ferry.
- The cameras on Banabilla Road at the causeway over Woobadda Creek will be removed at the end of May.
- The disaster management team is looking at a more permanent solution for the next wet season.

Betterment Funds

- Council has lodged several Betterment submissions for improvements to road infrastructure in the shire.
- Queensland Recovery Authority ((QRA) has requested more information for some projects and the DRFA teams has been responding promptly.

China Camp Road – 5 tonne Limit

- A contractor has been booked to repair the bypass road to enable vehicles over 5-tonne to detour around the section of China Camp Road which has been undermined.
- The work will commence within the next fortnight, weather permitting.

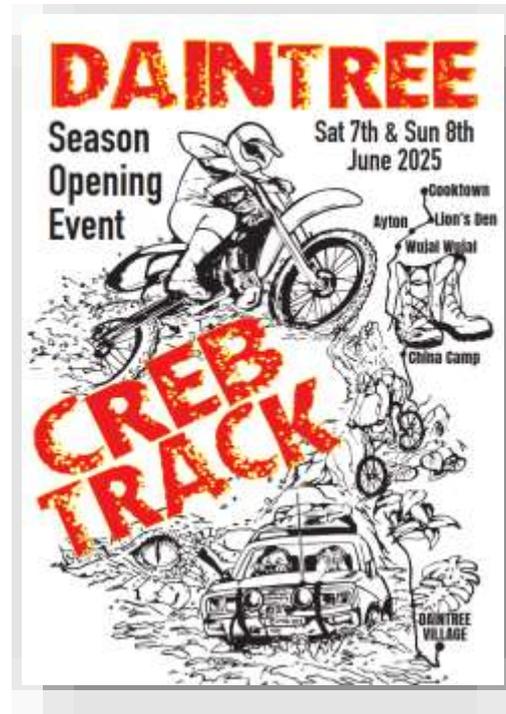
McDowall Lane, Lower Daintree

- Neilly Group has started work on riverbank erosion remediation this week.
- The riverbank will be stabilised by rocks.
- Contractor will use six trucks; each will do 4-6 loads per day - 72 truck movements each day.
- Work to be completed by 9 June 2025.



CREB Track

- Aiming to inspect within a few weeks and open by the end of May 2025.
- Daintree Village is planning a season opening event over the weekend of 7th & 8th June.



Tree Kangaroos on Alexandra Range

Travellers are urged to slow down and exercise caution while driving through Alexandra Range. Recently, there have been multiple sightings of a resident tree kangaroo in the area.

These rare, long-tailed marsupials, native to our rainforest, are near threatened.

