

# **Daintree Coast Road Update**

Cape Tribulation Road
Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

## **Alexandra Range**

- Sites 1,2, 3, 8a, 9, 10, 11 completed
- Sites 3b, 4,5,6,7 & 8 mid July 2025
- Sites 21, 22 & 25 mid July 2025

# **Noah Bridge**

- QRA has confirmed funding for the new bridge and is in the process of determining how the funds will be treated internally.
- As part of this determination, QRA has requested a Level 3 inspection to quantify damage caused by Tropical Cylone Jasper.

The replacement bridge is unlikely to be constructed in 2025 and the project team is currently considering two options:

- 1. Build the temporary bypass in 2025 and build the new bridge in 2026; or
- 2. Defer both until 2026.

The preferred option is expected to be identified by late June, and the decision will be based on which option presents the least risk.

#### **Temporary Bypass**

- The temporary bypass will be suitable for 2WDs.
- The design is such that the top surface will not go under water during high tides.
- If flooding occurs due to a major rain event, then the bypass may go under water.

#### **Roadside Tree Trimming**

- Contractors are currently working their way along Cape Tribulation Road towards Cape Tribulation with the mulching attachment.
- Douglas Shire Council has an arborist starting week commencing Monday 9 June on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road to remove dead and dying trees.

# China Camp Road - Wujal Wujal Section

- A bypass road for heavy vehicles to detour around the
   5 tonne limited concrete section has been created.
- Safety inspections are underway, and the bypass will be opened opened to the public once it is deemed safe for heavy vehicles.

# Road Conditions 6 June 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 but approach roads do not allow for truck & dog.
- 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 and vehicles 5-tonne or under.

Ten Mile Road is open to 4WD vehicles only.

**CREB Track - Open.** 



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# **Noah Landslip**

- HEH re-established on site last week.
- 9 June commence descaling Stage One
- Spider excavator coming from Brisbane
- 16 June commence soil nailing State One.
- Soil nailing crew coming from Brisbane
- 18 June completion of diversion drains
- Soil nailing and diversion drains will provide stability allowing down slope work to occur safely.

### **Traffic Lights**

- Traffic controllers have been experiencing issues with the new set of traffic lights and were struggling to minimise the wait times between traffic flows when the lights are in "manual mode".
- This issue resulted in wait times of up to 3 minutes.
- HEH identified the issue, and it was resolved 2 June, reducing the wait time to under 1 minute.
- The suppliers technician for the traffic lights was brought on site 4 June in an effort to reduce the delay time further to under 30 seconds.
- When traffic controllers are not in attendance (6:00pm to 6:00am), the traffic lights will be in "auto mode" with delay times of up to 4 minutes.

# **Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road**

- In our last newsletter, we explained repairs to Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road had been divided into two separate contracts.
- There are in fact four separate contracts which are
  - 1. Landslips HEH
  - 2. Unsealed road sections Durack Civil
  - 3. Concrete sections NCP contracting
  - 4. Sealed Road sections not yet awarded

#### Status updates as follows:

- HEH has already commenced with an anticipated completion date of late 2025.
- Unsealed road repairs expected to be completed late 2025.

#### **Annual Grading**

- Planning is underway for Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road to be graded.
- Crews are planning to be on site early in July. Date will be confirmed towards the end of the month.



## Banabilla, Evergreen & Idriess

 Contract to repair these three unsealed roads has been awarded to Durack Civil.

#### Ten Mile, Zig Zag & China Camp Roads

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#### **CREB Track**

The CREB Track is open.

It is still a little wet in places but is in good order.

Track conditions, refer to CREB
Track Conditions
which is a
Facebook page
updated by a long
term local for all
travelers.

For current CREB





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## **McDowall Lane, Lower Daintree**

- To date, 3,200 tonnes of rock has been placed.
- Along with the placement of 1,200 tonne of fill.
- There's still 1,800 tonne of fill and 800 tonnes of rock to go.
- Contractors are on track for 9 June completion.



# Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

To mark the start of construction for two new bridges in Daintree area – Taylors Crossing and Lees Bridge - as well as the repairs to landslips on Stewarts Creek Road and Upper Daintree Road, Douglas Shire Council is having a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

Community members are welcome to attend.

Date: Monday 16 June
Time: 10am to 10:45am

Location: Stewarts Creek Bridge – pictured.





### **Electric Ants**

The Department of Primary Industries will again hold a community meeting to provide information about the National Electric Ant Eradication Program.

11am on Sunday 8 June 2025 at Daintree Siesta, which is at 1973 Cape Tribulation Road, Diwan.

It is an opportunity to learn more about these invasive pests, their impacts, habitats, and how to reduce the risk of spread.

An update on where there are new local infestations will be provided, and officers can respond to any concerns people may have and provide clarity on any misinformation.

