# DOUGLAS

## Daintree Coast Road Update

Cape Tribulation Road Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

#### **Alexandra Range**

- Sites 3b, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 end July 2025
- Sites 21 and 22 end July 2025
- There are still two sites remaining, 6 and 25.
- For safety reasons, these two sites have been deferred until after peak tourist season, to cater for the expected increase in caravan traffic.
- These two sites are the most constrained sites with very little through lane width.

#### **Noah Bridge**

- Temporary causeway and new bridge to be constructed in 2026 dry season.
- Timber Bridge specialists assessed the bridge this week to provide further information required for funding purposes.
- At its meeting 17 June 2025, Councillors endorsed the Noah Bridge Replacement project funding application submitted to the Australian Government Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Tranche 3.
- Council is applying for the maximum available under the grant which is \$5 million. This will contribute towards the estimated cost of \$11.49 million for a replacement bridge.
- The full report is available at this link below <u>Safer-</u> <u>Local-Roads-and-Infrastructure-Program-Extract-17-</u> <u>June-2025-Council-Meeting.pdf</u>

### **Heavy Vehicle Bypass**

- Noah Creek Heavy Vehicle Bypass is currently washed out and impassable.
- Repairs are planned for Friday 20 June to enable it be opened later today.

#### Noah Range Landslip

- Contractors have flagged that traffic stoppages will be longer than what travellers are experiencing now.
- Currently tour operators coordinate closely with restaurant operators in Cape Tribulation to ensure meals are timed to be ready and served hot.
- The DRFA team will liaise with HEH, traffic control & operators to implement a system to give everyone sufficient notice of delays.

## Road Conditions 20 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. Delays thus far have been 5 minutes or less. Contractors have advised delays could extend up to 15 minutes going forwards.

#### Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road - 4WD Only.

- There are no weight or time restrictions, however the road is unsuitable for towing trailers, campervans or caravans.
- Between July and October there will be machinery doing repairs narrowing the road in some sections – please take care and follow the directions of traffic controllers.

**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.

#### China Camp Road – Wujal Wujal Section

- A bypass road for heavy vehicles to detour around the 5 tonne limited concrete section has been created.
- Gravel has been laid on the steeper slopes.
- The bypass is scheduled to be open to the public by the end of June.

#### **Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road**

- Durack Civil is aiming to commence repairs to the unsealed sections of road early July 2025.
- Material will come from Lakeland quarry.
- NCP Contracting will be repairing the damaged concrete pavement at Degarra.
- Work is expected to start early July for completion by end of August 2025.
- There will be sufficient room for two lanes of traffic to bypass construction area under traffic control.
- NCP will be sourcing material from the concrete batching plant in Wujal Wujal.
- A water truck will be in operation to alleviate dust.

#### Banabilla, Evergreen & Idriess

- Durack Civil will be doing the repairs to these internal roads at Degarra.
- A program of works will be available in the next update.

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

- Durack Civil will be doing the repairs to these three roads.
- Again, a program of works will be available in the next update.

#### **Daintree Ferry Priority Lane**

- The Priority Lane at the Daintree Ferry will open Wednesday 25 June.
- The ticket booth for the priority land opens at 9am and closes at 4.30pm each day.
- The Priority Lane will remain open until the end of peak tourist season.
- The Priority Lane is for the following travellers:
  - Concession Card Holders
  - Commercial Operators (e.g. Tradespeople/ Couriers/Businesses)
  - o Emergency Vehicles
  - Australian Defence Forces (Defence Force ID)

#### **Captain Cook Highway**

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads advised there will be no scheduled night closures for the rest of June 2025 or for the month of July 2025.
- Single lane sections of work are still required with some delays.
- Advance notice will be provided for any scheduled night closures if required.

#### Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

- Traditional Owner Maryanne Port performed Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony in Daintree on 16 June.
- Maryanne welcome contractors to her country and explained the smoke would help keep workers safe.
- The ceremony was attended by residents, COLPO Construction who are repairing landslips on Uppder Daintree and Stewart Creek Roads & North Queensland Civil Constructions who will be building two new bridges.



Traditional Maryanne Port and Daintree Village resident Barbara Maslen.

#### **Road Reference Group Meeting Notes**

- For new readers, a community reference group was created to facilitate two-way communications between the community, Douglas Shire Council and contractors, while extensive road and bridge repairs were completed.
- It has been meeting regularly since April 2024.
- All meeting notes are published on Council's website and the latest ones are available here: <u>19.6.2025-</u> <u>Meeting-Notes.pdf</u>