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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>