

Daintree Coast Road Update

Cape Tribulation Road
Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Alexandra Range

- Open 24 hours no traffic control.
- 25 tonne weight restriction in place.

Noah Bridge

- Repairs will be done to restore the 16 tonne load rating.
- Design and methodology of how to achieve this has been completed and Council has received the drawings.
- Council is currently sourcing the timber to determine the timeline for delivery.
- The project team is working with a contractor on how the repairs will be carried out and how this will impact the functionality of the bridge.
- The aim is to minimise impact to vehicles, and the option of night works is on the table.
- There are now clearer signs in place, indicating where heavy vehicles need to turn off the main road to cross the causeway.

Heavy Vehicle Causeway

- Rocks are becoming lodged in the tyres of some vehicles using the causeway.
- Machine, which is based on site, is being used to compact the rocks.

Temporary Bypass

- Construction of an all-vehicle bypass will commence immediately after the 25/26 wet season.
- It cannot be built prior to this as the structure will not withstand flood waters which are more than 1 metre above the proposed height.
- Construction of the new bridge will commence once the all-vehicle bypass has been completed and signed off.
- The aim is to have a new bridge, with 44 tonne rating, completed well before the 26/27 wet season.

Noah Range Landslip

- Work is progressing as per Red Fox design.
- Expected completion 6 March 2026.

Road Conditions 15 August 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 and length restrictions.

- Alexandra Range Open 24/7.
- Maximum weight of vehicles is 25 tonnes.
- Noah Creek Bridge has a weight restriction of 8 tonnes – but there is a detour for heavy vehicles.
- Noah Creek Detour Causeway 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 10 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 December 2025 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. There is a detour in place for all vehicles to avoid the concrete paved section.

Ten Mile Road is open to 4WD vehicles only.

CREB Track – Open to 4WDs only. Check local weather conditions as wet weather will make it impassable.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Unsealed Sections

- Durack has commenced work on repairs to the unsealed sections of the road
- Work has started at the Degarra end and is moving south.
- This will take a while, so Douglas Shire Council is doing holding works between Emmagen and Cape Tribulation to keep the road trafficable.

Concrete Section

- NCP Contracting has commenced repairs to the concrete section.
- When digging up and removing the concrete, contractors discovered a sunken section.
- This may impact the expected completion date of the work which was end of August.

Landslips - HEH

- Work progressing as planned.
- Completion is expected by mid December 2025.

Roadside Vegetation

- There's a machine currently in use on Cape
 Tribulation Road clearing roadside vegetation.
- The machine will continue further north to Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road.
- Roadside vegetation clearing will be done on both Donovans and Cowrie Ranges.
- Work will start 1 September and continue until both ranges are completed.

Other Northern Roads

- Durack Civil has been awarded possession of site for:
 - o China Camp
 - o Zig Zag
 - o Ten Mile
 - o Banabilla, Evergreen and Idriess
- Awaiting mobilisation of crew start date to be confirmed.

China Camp Road - Wujal Wujal

- The concrete section (the jump up) has been closed, and all vehicles must use the detour.
- Tenders to repair this section are currently open.
- The closing date has been extended to 29 August 2025
- No further extentions will be granted.

Daintree Coast Road Community Reference Group

- Meeting notes from the last meeting held 5 August have been uploaded to the website and are available here.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 August 2025.

Daintree Ferry Tender Awarded

- Birdon Pty Ltd has been awarded the contract to build and operate a new four-lane ferry.
- The ferry will be privately owned and operated under an initial 20-year agreement.
- A \$9.7 million contract to design and construct new landside infrastructure to accommodate the wider ferry was awarded to Durack Civil last month.
- Completion is scheduled for December 2027 to coincide with the arrival of the new ferry.

Expressions of Interest Invited

- A community reference group is being created to enable two-way communication during the Daintree Ferry landside infrastructure project.
- If you are interested in being a member, please complete and return the Expression of Interest form which can be download here <u>EOI - Daintree</u> <u>Ferry Infrastructure Reference Group.pdf</u>
- For further information, contact Council's Community Engagement Officer, Liza Dowling on on 4099 9461, or 0419 840 215 or email <u>liza.dowling@douglas.qld.gov.au</u>
- EOIs are requested by 1 September 2025.

South of Daintree River

Taylors and Lees Bridges

- Work on Lees Bridge commenced 11 August 2025.
- Work on Taylors Bridge will commence three weeks later, 1 September.
- The piling crew will start at Lees, and once done, will move to Taylors bridge.

Upper Daintree Road landslips

 COLPO Construction has commenced work repairing landslips on Upper Daintree Road.