

Daintree Coast Road Update

Cape Tribulation Road
Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Alexandra Range

- Douglas Shire Council has programmed line marking on the road over the range.
- Work will start at the Cape Kimberley Road turn off and go through to Buchanan Creek Road in Cow Bay.
- Particular attention will be paid to line marking at the the Alexandra Lookout.
- Work will be done overnight, commencing at 9:30pm, and concluding before sunrise.
- The aim is to start Sunday 7 September, but rain may defer work to Wednesday 10 September.
- Vehicles will be directed around linemarking under traffic control and delays will be minimal given the level of traffic overnight is light.

Noah Bridge

- The large, custom-made timber girders have been ordered and are due to arrive late September 2025
- The repairs are being funded by Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).
- The construction method and its impact on functionality of bridge is still being worked through.
- QRA has confirmed funding for the temporary bypass and the new bridge.
- The construction of both the bypass and new bridge are scheduled for the 2026 dry season.

Heavy Vehicle Causeway

- Machine, which is based on site, is being used to compact the rocks.
- A new system is in place to improve communications when the causeway is temporarily closed.
- An alert will be issued each time causeway is closed and re-opened.

Noah Range Landslip

- Work is progressing as planned.
- Completion expected 6 March 2026.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- Durack has commenced work on repairs to the starting at the northern end and moving south.
- The gravel section of road between the concreted Pierce's Hill and the bitumen heading north to Wujal Wujal, has deteriorated badly and will be graded to improve trafficability.

Road Conditions 4 September 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. Work is underway to increase load rating back to 16 tonne & in the interim there is a detour for heavier vehicles.
- Noah Creek Detour Causeway
 Crossing is being maintained daily but is subject to very high tides greater than 2.5 metres.

There is 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.

- In repairing the concrete section of road, NCP
 Contracting encountered mass debris under where the concrete road is being reinstated.
- This has pushed back the expected completion to late September 2025.
- Work on repairing the landslips is progressing as planned.

Roadside Vegetation Trimming

- 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

- Banabilla, Evergreen and Idriess Work will commence first week in October.
- Zig Zag Work to commence 28 August 2025
- Concrete section China Camp Road tenders closed last week, and review of tenders is underway.

Daintree Coast Road Reference Group

- Latest meeting notes are available <u>here.</u>
- The next meeting is scheduled for 11 Sept 2025.

One Day Closure Boat Ramp

- Council crews, on behalf of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR), will be clearing vegetation at the Lower Daintree Boat Ramp in preparation for a future second boat ramp lane to be built upstream of the existing floating walkway.
- The ramp will be closed from 7am to 4pm, Wednesday 10 September 2025.
- Vegetation clearing will be done by an arborist team, using excavator, chainsaws, and chipper, so noise is expected.
- For more details: <u>Vegetation Clearing Works</u> –
 <u>Lower Daintree Boat Ramp</u> <u>Douglas Shire Council</u>



Taylors and Lees Bridges

- Crews have been working at both locations.
- The piling crew have started at Lees, and once done, will move to Taylors bridge.

Upper Daintree Road landslips

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



Initial excavation.



Surface covered in shotcrete.



Concrete blocks ready to be placed in the excavation.