

Cape Tribulation Road – 26 April 2024.

Cape Tribulation Road is open to all vehicles from the Daintree Ferry through to just past Cape Trib Beach House. Beyond that the road is closed to all vehicles.

There are some weight, time and length restrictions:

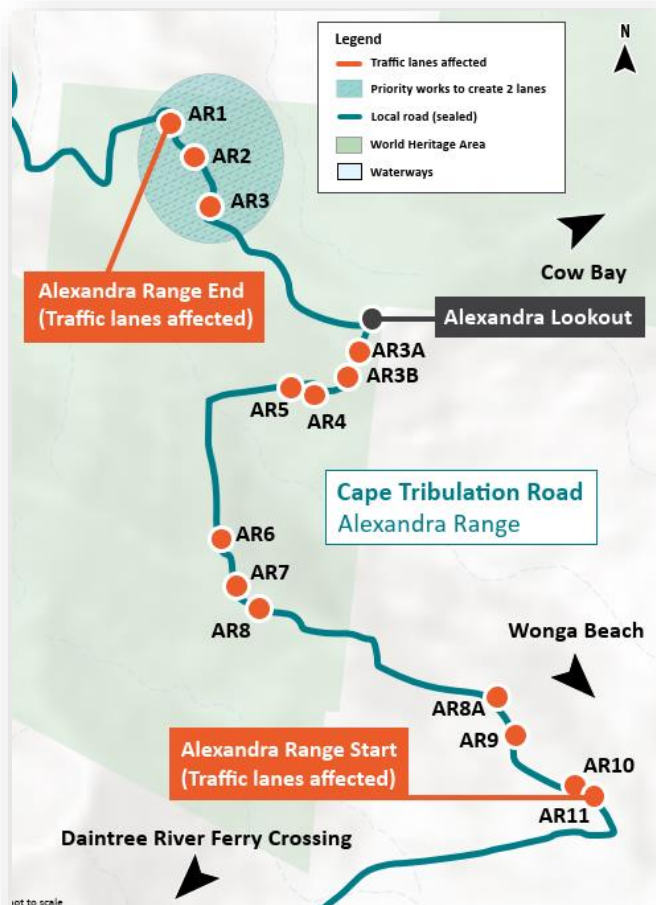
Alexandra Range – Open 5am to Midnight.
Vehicles up to 12.5 metres in length and up to 25 tonnes. If towing a trailer, caravan or campervan, total length < 12.5 metres.

Noah Creek Bridge is open to all vehicles 16 tonnes or under. Vehicles above 16 tonnes must use the causeway upstream.

Noah Range is open from 6am to 7:30pm.

Repairs - Alexandra Range

GEO Construct is on site to repair sites 1, 2 & 3.
Work is scheduled to be completed



Site 1 Batter stabilisation of area affecting 61 m length of road embankment on the downhill side.

- Task 1 - Excavation and soil nails into temporary batter and covering surface with protective shotcrete layer
- Task 2 Concrete base, micropiles and concrete retaining wall construction to reform the road embankment.
- Task 3. Road surfacing, guardrail and erosion matting.

Site 2

- Task 1 Excavation of pavement area in proposed concrete pavement area.
- Task 2 Installation of micropiles.
- Task 3. Concrete pavement construction and guardrail placement.

Site 3

- Task 1 Excavation and soil nails into temporary batter and covering surface with protective shotcrete layer
- Task 2 Concrete base, micropiles and concrete retaining wall construction to reform the road embankment.
- Task 3. Road surfacing, guardrail and erosion matting.
- Task 4 Excavation of pavement area in proposed concrete pavement area.
- Task 5 Installation of micropiles.
- Task 6 Concrete pavement construction and guardrail placement.

Repairs - McKenzie Creek Culvert

Erosion sediment removal will continue until at least the end of next week – 3 May 2024.

Repairs - Noah Range

There has been movement recorded in the vegetation mass that remains above the slip.



Douglas Shire Council secured an SSR-XT 3D Real Aperture Radar. This equipment tracks the movement of slopes in high risk areas. Alarms will sound to warn of accelerated slope movement before failure.

This live monitoring will allow extended road opening hours.

The equipment, pictured below, was secured 23 April and will take two weeks for mobilization and deployment.



The Noah Range opening hours could be extended from 9 May 2024.

Teams are also planning for the controlled removal of the mass safely.

Access is challenging and Council is working with Wet Tropics Management Authority and Cultural Heritage to allow for a track to be cut through the rainforest from the south, to access and remove material.

Council also has plans in place for quick removal should the mass comes down on its own. Two contractors are on standby as are spoil sites to off load material. This means work to clear the road can commence immediately from both the north and the south to open the road as quickly as possible.

Noah Creek

- The causeway design is 90% complete
- Negotiations with the land owner are underway
- Permit process is also underway

The Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) submission is scheduled to be submitted to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority week commencing 29 April 2024.

This submission is seeking funds for the causeway and the new bridge.

Repairs - Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Site 18 located 3 km North of Rykers Bridge is still unpassable.

An updated program is due next week, however, we are still aiming to open the road by 30 June 2024.



Repairs - Degarra

Crews have made good progress on Banabilla Rd and after a couple of drier days have pushed through Idreiss Close, allowing access for the two properties at the end of Idreiss Close.

This has been a long time coming and very frustrating for the residents impacted. The ground and the mud from the landslides have just been too wet for machinery to get in.

Below the Banabilla Causeway is pictured, repaired using materials on hand.



Repairs China Camp Road

All the works Council was supervising on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road was finished up Tuesday 23 April, with the last of the drainage pipes being cleaned out and all machinery floated out to start China Camp Road.

Machinery will be starting at the northern end of China Camp Road working towards China Camp on Monday 29 April 2024.

Repairs - Zig Zag

There is still a deep washout on the northern side of the Meg Crossing. Council is hoping dry weather will enable a pipe, gravel and machine to get back up there next week.

The southern approach to the Meg Crossing is still inaccessible due to trees and debris that cannot be removed until we can get into the area until there is access from China Camp Road.

Southern end of Zig Zag Road, 10 Mile Road, Dawnvale, the Meg Falls access road and C.R.E.B Track will be started once access to China Camp has been completed.

Daintree Ferry

Ferry services were stopped for just under 2½ hours on 26 April, to enable a replacement coolant system to be installed.

Being keel coolant, the system is attached to the outside of the ferry's hull. The new pipework, measuring about 10 metres in length, was installed using a tender. It was delicate work which need to be done during daylight.

Travellers may experience minor delays Wednesday 1 May between 12 noon and 1pm when safety signs are installed on two navigational poles.

Community Reference Group

Minutes of the third meeting held 18 April are published on Council's website. Follow the link [Reference Group Minutes 18 April 2024](#) and click on View Latest Meeting Notes button.

The fourth meeting was held today and we are aiming to have the minutes published next Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Enquiries

If you have any questions, have any items you want raised at the reference group, please call or text Gaye on 0418 793 009 or email gaye.scott@douglas.qld.gov.au