

Alexandra Range

Current Works

- Site 1 – completed
- Site 2 – completed pending site clean-up and traffic assessment, will be open early next week.
- Site 3 – have made good progress without the rain. Aiming to complete by mid to late October.



Road Conditions – 4 October 2024

Cape Tribulation Road is open to all vehicles through to just past Cape Trib Beach House.

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.
- Noah Creek Bridge has a weight restriction of 16 tonnes.
- Noah Causeway open for vehicles over 16 tonnes.
- Noah Range – Open 5am to Midnight.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road is open to 4WD vehicles.

- The road has deteriorated since opening late June and travellers are advised to take care to avoid damaging their vehicle.
- There are no weight or time restrictions, however the road is unsuitable for towing trailers, campervans or caravans. Douglas Shire Council has reinforced the messaging around no caravans or trailers.

Zig Zag Road open to 4WD vehicles. Road is suitable for towing.

China Camp Road open to 4WD vehicles only. There is a 5 tonnes load limit on the concrete section from Ayton.

Ten Mile Road is open to 4WD vehicles only.

CREB Track is open to 4WDs - experienced drivers only, and please **check weather conditions** beforehand.

Remaining Alexandra Range Sites

- The contract for the design and construction of sites 8a, 9, 10, 11 has been awarded to local contractor, Colpo Constructions.
- The company is now finalising design prior to mobilising to site.
- A preferred contractor for the design and construction of the remaining five sites has been selected awaiting sign off by the CEO.

Noah Range Landslip

- The Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) team is currently working through the Safety and Risk Management Process with the contractor, HEH Civil.
- HEH has proposed an amended methodology which will reduce the amount of vegetation requiring removal.
- Work will commence this month with the aim of making the landslip safe and stable prior to the wet season.

Noah Creek Bridge

- The new bridge design is being finalised.
- The aim is to release the tender later in the year for construction next year in the drier months.
- The structural inspection report received by Douglas Shire Council has confirmed there has been no change to the structural integrity of the existing structure.

EOIs for Stockpiling Material

- Douglas Shire Council received 13 responses to its call for Expressions of Interest to take material removed from landslip sites.
- Each site is now being assessed for environmental constraints and a risk register is being developed.

Roadside Mowing

- The contractor is scheduled to commence roadside mowing north of the Daintree River week commencing 8 October.

Cassowary Coast Award

- Douglas Shire Council and Roadtek received a Certificate of Recognition from the Cassowary Coast Awards presented annually by Wet Tropics Management Authority.

Ferry Update

- Councillors will consider different ferry operating models at a Special Council meeting planned for **9:30 AM on Tuesday, 8 October 2024**.
- The full agenda item is available [here](#)
- In short, Council will consider the replacing the existing ferry with a single ferry with increased capacity.
- The new longer ferry with a four lane and dual loading/unloading capacity along with the new landside infrastructure, will address the issues around queuing lengths and wait times in peak periods. Such a vessel will deliver up to a 90% increase in efficiency.
- A new priority lane on the northern side, along with changes to queuing lanes on both sides, will ensure concession card holders have quicker access when boarding the new vessel.
- A new vessel will take approximately 24 months to build (not including the design stage).
- Council will also consider the proposal to outsource both ownership and operation of a new ferry to a contractor and release a tender to the market for a contractor to design, construct, and deliver the new vessel, as well as operate the ferry service.
- The meeting will be live-streamed online and can be accessed on the day by [clicking here](#).

Bloomfield River Flood Alerts

- A flooding alert system is being trialled to notify residents of rising flood waters under the Bobby and Jacky Ball Bloomfield Bridge.
- Three sensors have been installed on the bridge and are collecting data.
- People can sign up for alerts here: [- https://www.lgaq.asn.au/bloomfield-bridge](https://www.lgaq.asn.au/bloomfield-bridge)
- SMS texts will be received in areas with base cellular coverage or greater, regardless of 4G or 5G availability.
- If you would like more information, a video overview of the project has been made which explains how the system works and it may be [Downloaded here](#).