

## Updates

### Alexandra Range

- Douglas Shire Council was aiming for the completion of Site 1 last Monday.
- There were teething issues around reopening the site to traffic which have now been resolved.
- The traffic control company will be resetting progressively over the weekend in preparation for moving the traffic control point away from Tulip Oak Road intersection by Monday 9 September.
- The concrete pavement shown below will remain.
- Resealing at each site will not be done until work on all 13 sites on Alexandra Range has been completed. This is to prevent the new layer of bitumen being damaged by repair machinery and trucks servicing other sites for restoration. As well as efficiencies.



### Road Conditions – 6 September 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 tonne.
- 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 closed. Opening Monday 9 September, weather permitting.

- Site 2 is schedule—pictured left, is scheduled for completion 19 September.

## Alexandra Range continued.

- Site 3 – as advised previously, contractors have encountered fractured rock which is slowing progress as additional grouting is required. The latest estimate for completion is early October, although this is weather dependent.



- Tenders for the design and construction of sites 8a, 9, 10 and 11 closed September 6
- Tenders for the design and construction of sites 3b, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 tender close September 11.
- The extra week allows tenderers time to consider sites 7 and 8 which are considerably more complex than the others.

## Noah Range Landslip

- Tenders have now closed.
- Council is taking a risk-based approach in evaluating submissions. This means scoring the tender based on the proposed methodology, the proposed program, safety considerations etc. These criteria are being given more weighting than dollar amount.
- The project has approval from National Parks.
- Potholes on this stretch of road have been fixed.

## Noah Creek Bridge

- The bridge inspection report is due to be supplied to Council by Monday 9 September.
- Interim survey indicated there has been no further movement in the structure since last inspection, which is very good news.

## CREB Track – Opening 9 September

Please check the weather before heading up or down the track. There's plenty of exposed red clay on the track and it takes only a light shower of rain for it to become impassable.

## Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- Council's submission for permanent repairs has been submitted to QRA and DSC's DRFA team is now responding to information requests from QRA.
- In the interim, anecdotal feedback is that the journey is taking longer for travellers wanting to avoid car damage. About 1km either side of Collins Creek is very potholed.
- Holding works can be carried out for safety reasons, until permanent repairs can be completed. Travellers are encouraged to report issues requiring more immediate attention to Gaye Scott.

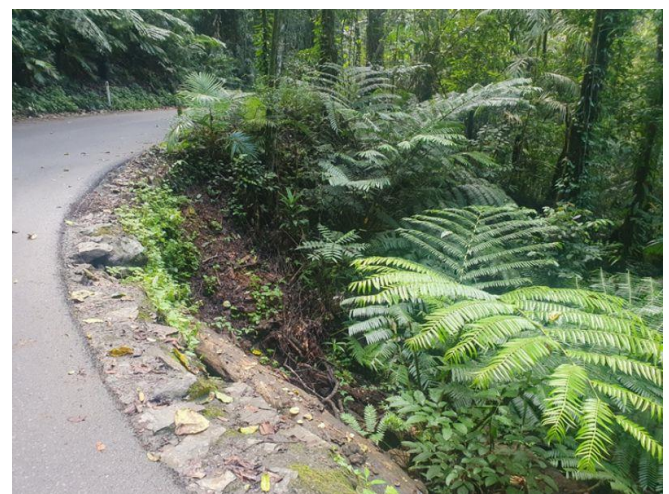
## Alexandra Range Widening Project

Work will start next week on widening two narrow sections of road across Alexandra Range.

These are located in the vicinity of Fern Gully, just south of the Alexandra Range Lookout – and within the current single lane section.

Works were originally planned for late last year but were delayed by Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

The work will be done by Geo-Construct Pty Ltd who are currently doing other repairs on the range nearby.



In preparation, the King Fern in the above photo has been transplanted further downhill, out of the way of the construction footprint.

The cost is estimated at \$1 million and funding is being provided by the State Government under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme and also by the Federal Government – Building Australia under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The works involve widening the pavement to a full two lanes and the provision of guardrail, improving safety for both locals and tourists.

## EOIs Close Monday 9 September

Douglas Shire Council is inviting owners of freehold properties north of the Daintree River to express their interest in accepting spoil material from landslides and/or road construction activities.

Interested property owners can review and complete the [EOI document](#) available on the Douglas Shire Council's website.

For additional details or assistance with the EOI process, people may contact Iain Everiss, Program Manager (DRFA) at [iain.everiss@douglas.qld.gov.au](mailto:iain.everiss@douglas.qld.gov.au).

Expressions of Interest close 9 September 2024.



## Heading to Cooktown or the Cape? Here's an Update on Bloomfield Road

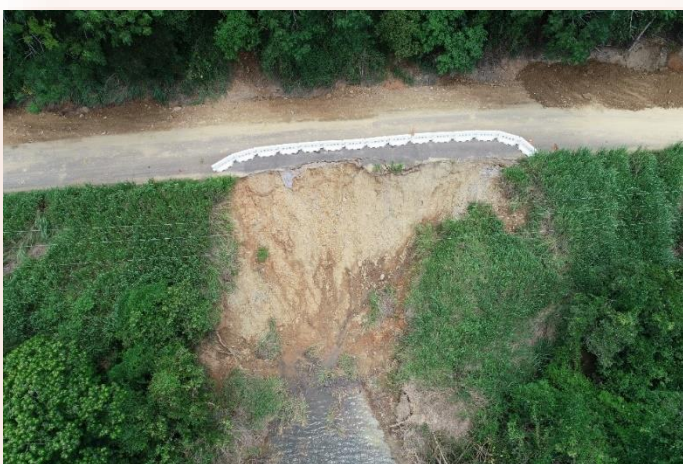
Cook Shire Council will be doing road works on the Bloomfield Road from 16 September until early December. Traffic management will be in place and delays are expected.

It is likely there will be partial road closures and delays. Those planning travel during the busy school holiday period are encouraged to plan their trips accordingly, be mindful of crews in the area and to drive to conditions.

All funding for this project is through Queensland Reconstruction Authority under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements for Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets program.

The goal of the Bloomfield Road project is to restore the road to its pre-disaster condition. Cook Shire Council is working closely with Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation, Wet Tropics Management Authority, and other environmental agencies to meet all environmental and cultural requirements.

More information is available here: [Bloomfield Road DRFA Remediation Works — Cook Shire Council](#)



*Example of major slip/bank failure.*



*Example of major creeks and culvert damage including Gap Creek, Platypus Creek, and Olufsen Creek.*