

DAINTREE COAST

UPDATE

DOUGLAS
SHIRE COUNCIL

MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026

- ROAD REPAIRS
- BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS
- DAINTREE RIVER FERRY REPLACEMENT; AND
- FERRY LANDSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE

ROAD UPDATES

China Camp Road

- The contract to repair the concrete section of the road has been awarded to HEH.

Banabilla Road

- Work on Banabilla Road will commence Monday 20 April.
- It will be holding works with a small machine to rectify immediate issues until a full grade is scheduled.

Evergreen Road

- Repairs to Evergreen Road will be done once Banabilla Road is finished.
- The section of Evergreen Road providing access to 22a, 22b and 22c Evergreen, and 6 Banabilla has been added to Douglas Shire Council's internal road network.
- The listing will be added to Queensland State Records in November 2026. [Additions are only done twice yearly.]

Panican Creek

- Remedial work on will commence 27 April.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Cape Tribulation Road is open to all vehicles through to just past Cape Trib Beach House. There are some weight restrictions.

- **Alexandra Range** - Maximum weight of vehicles 25 tonnes.
- **Noah Creek Bridge** has a 16 tonne load limit.
- **Noah Creek Heavy Vehicle Causeway**
From 20 April, access on Mondays only - 7am to 12:00pm. Operators need to book an appointment with Gaye Scott.
- **Noah Range** - Open 24/7 under traffic control.

Cape Trib Bloomfield Road - 4WD Only. There are no weight or time restrictions, but the road is unsuitable for towing trailers, campervans or caravans.

China Camp Road open to 4WD vehicles only. There is a detour in place for all vehicles to avoid the damaged concrete paved section.

Ten Mile Road is open to 4WD vehicles only.

CREB Track - Closed. Check local weather conditions.

Zig Zag Road open to 4WD vehicles no weight limit.

Cape Trib Bloomfield Road

- Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) has approved funding to repair both [Woobadda Bridge](#) and [Rykers Road Bridge](#).
- Tender packages are being prepared and will be released to the market by the end of May 2026.
- The aim is to complete repairs to both bridges in the 2026 dry season.
- While there have been a few weather delays, repairs to all ten landslip are expected to be completed in June 2026.
- The work done to keep Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road in good condition helped enormously during the 28-day ferry outage allowing primary producers to get some product out to market other operators to bring in heavy goods.

Noah Range Landslip - Cape Tribulation Road

- Repairs to Noah Range landslip have been delayed by weather.
- Estimated completion is September 2026.

Heavy Vehicle 16+ tonne Causeway

- During construction of the bypass, vehicles over 16 tonnes will only have access to the causeway one day each week.
- At present, this is Monday.
- Access is limited to a 5-hour window 7:00am to 12:00pm.
- The causeway will only be suitable for vehicles with a high clearance.
- Operators will need to book an appointment to use the causeway at least 24 hours in advance.
- Please call 0419 840 215 to book an appointment.
- HEH will be on site when vehicles cross, to be available to provide assistance should any vehicles get stuck.
- Without a booking, there's no guarantee the causeway will be available.
- These temporary restrictions will cause some inconvenience, and HEH will do its best to accommodate access where possible, but options will be limited during construction of the bypass.
- Please contact Gaye Scott on 0418 793 009 or gaye.scott@douglas.qld.gov.au if you have any concerns.

Noah Creek Bridge Temporary Bypass

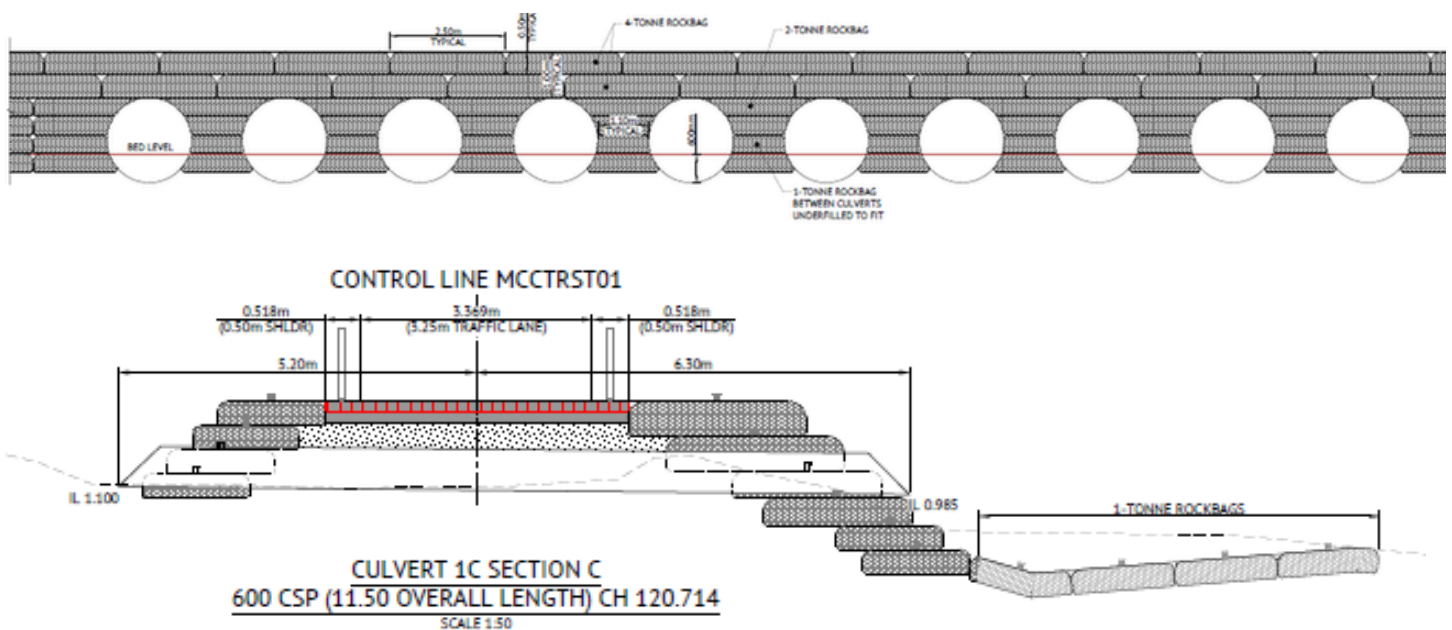
- HEH will start work on the temporary bypass Monday 27 April 2026,
- It will be single lane to allow one-way traffic.
- The lane will be 3.25 metres wide, with 0.5 m shoulders.
- The bypass will be 200 mm above highest astronomical tide (HAT).
- Traffic signals will control alternating flows.
- During the day, traffic lights will be controlled by traffic controllers, to prioritise queued traffic and minimise waiting time.
- At night, the traffic lights will be programmed on auto with a timed interval between a green light in each direction.
- Speed limit will be 20 km per hour.
- It is designed for 19 metre semi-trailers and vehicles up to 44 tonnes.
- It will therefore comfortably allow travellers with big cars and long caravans to cross.
- Construction is estimated to take 12-weeks weather permitting.
- See next page for images and drawings.

NOAH CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT

- The temporary bypass will have multiple culverts - pictured below, to carry the base water flows in Noah Creek.
- The running surface will be 200 mm above highest astronomical tide (HAT)
- During flood events, water will overtop the road surface, but the system is designed to cope with this.
- Layered 1 tonne to 4 tonne rockbags will form the crossing structure.
- The running surface will be concreted and suitable for all vehicles.



- Once the new bridge is built, the temporary bypass will be removed and the natural riverbed will be restored.

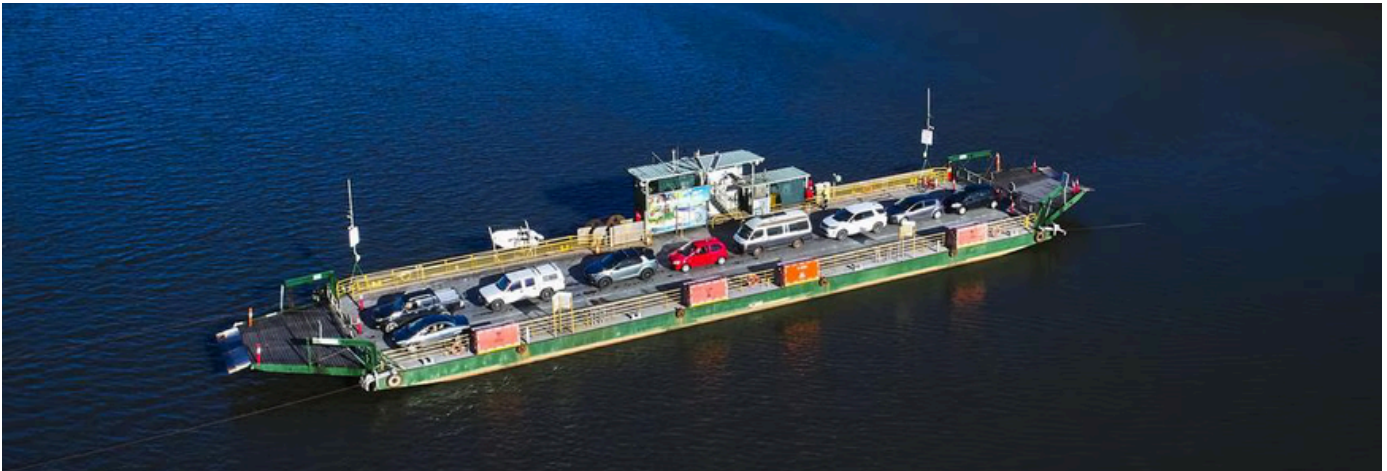


LEES BRIDGE

Concrete pylons are in place ready for the bridge decking which was delivered Wednesday 15 April 2026.



DAINTREE FERRY REPLACEMENT PROJECT



April / May 2026

- Concept drawings for the new four lane ferry have been received from the Naval Architects and are presently being reviewed by Council's project team.
- Durack Civil, who has been awarded the contract for landside infrastructure work, will mobilise on site.
- Residents and other travellers will see site offices and laydown areas established.
- Vegetation removal will commence.
- There will be traffic flow changes on the northern side of Daintree River.
- The Cultural Heritage Management Plan involving Cape York Land Council #1 Claimants and Eastern Kuku Yalanji #2 Claimants has been finalised and is with the solicitors awaiting signatures.

May - June 2026

- Early works commence.
- Traffic Management Set Up

July / August 2026

- Subgrade excavations
- Installation of larger culverts
- Embankment fill and ground treatments

September - October 2026

- Electrical conduits and underground services
- Road primer and sealing works
- Reseal of existing road
- Line marking, speed humps and signage
- Installation of boom gates and curtain gates

Mid October 2026 to June 2027

- Demobilisation
- Works pause until maritime civil works start in mid-2027

INDIRECT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Council is continuing to work with the Department of Customer Service, Open Data, Small and Family, business to progress [Indirect Assistance Grants](#). We were hoping for news last week, but will keep you posted.