

FROM 31 MAY 2024

Cape Tribulation Road Conditions

Douglas Shire Council wishes to thank the residents, businesses, and communities impacted by Tropical Cyclone Jasper for their patience, cooperation, and resilience while lengthy works were undertaken to restore safe access. The entire region is delighted to welcome visitors back to our beautiful world heritage listed and eco-destination certified slice of paradise.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

- Access to Cape Tribulation is open to all vehicles from 5am to midnight daily.
- Some sections of the road are single lane and travellers should expect a delay of 20-30 minutes.
- The Alexandra Lookout is within the single lane section. If you do turn off to take in the view, you will need to wait for up to 20 minutes when leaving the car park. You may wish to factor this into your itinerary.
- Cape Tribulation Road is open to just north of Cape Trib Beach House.
- The road between Cape Trib Beach House and Emmagen Creek will be open to 4WD vehicles 22 June 2024.
- Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road will be open to 4WD vehicles 22 June 2024. It is not suitable for vehicles towing trailers, campervans or caravans.
- Contingency plans are in place for alternative transport from Cape Tribulation in the unlikely event of new landslips closing the road. Should this occur, details about these arrangements will be shared.
- Due to the complex restoration works required, the initial program of work is expected to take until the end of 2024 at least (full restoration will take much longer), with sections of the road remaining under traffic management with one lane for the longer term.

Crossing the Daintree River ferry provides a moment to pause. Please slow down your driving, don't rush. Enjoy the beauty and the smells of the forest. Perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of a cassowary!



FURTHER ADVICE FOR VISITORS

- Visitors are encouraged to check the Douglas Shire Council Facebook page for ferry and road updates and the Destination Daintree Facebook page.
- Drive carefully to the road conditions, adhere to the speed limit and take note of traffic management signs.
- We encourage visitors to prepare for unlikely potential unplanned road closures by having sufficient supplies (water, food and fuel), travel insurance, flexible travel plans, and advise their provider where they are travelling within the Daintree.
- Be aware some areas of the Daintree have limited or no mobile reception.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [DOUGLAS.QLD.GOV.AU](https://douglas.qld.gov.au) & DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

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RESTRICTIONS

All vehicles are permitted on Cape Tribulation Road with following exceptions:

- Articulated vehicles must be no longer than 15.1 metres and under 25 tonnes.
- Rigid vehicles must be no longer than 12.5 metres and under 25 tonnes.
- Noah Bridge weight restriction - 16 Tonnes. Heavier vehicles can use upstream causeway.
- Cape Trib to Emmagen Creek will open to 4WDs on 22 June 2024.
- Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road - open to 4WDs on 22 June 2024.

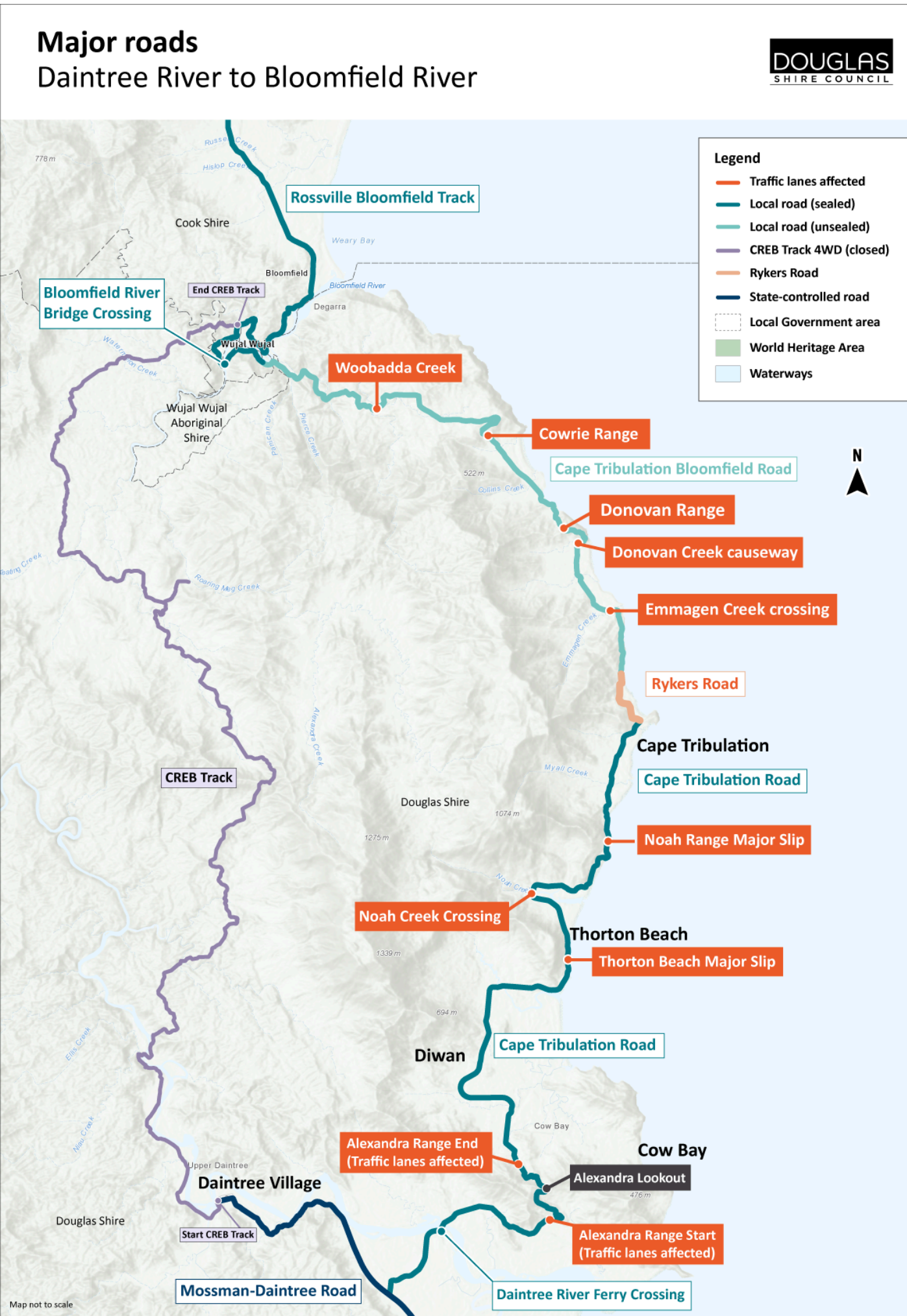
FAQS

Why are there access issues with Noah and Alexandra Ranges?

In December 2023, Tropical Cyclone Jasper caused severe damage to the region with 3.2 metres of rain recorded in less than a week and a total of 4.2 metres in the space of two months (equivalent to two years of standard rainfall). This contributed to more than 100 landslips across roads, and serious impacts to critical infrastructure across the Douglas Shire.

How long have the roads been impacted for?

While Tropical Cyclone Jasper has come and gone, its impact has created unprecedented scars on our landscape, causing multiple serious landslides and undermining the foundations of the only access route into our most remote communities. Restricted access to the roads north of the Daintree River has been ongoing since mid-December. Roads have been opened in stages.



Why has it taken so long for the roads to be fixed?

Significant damage has been sustained from multiple landslips. The road is remote and bordered by a heritage listed national park and steep cliffs into the Coral Sea. The management of the landslips and other damage is complex, with tension fractures and wet season conditions causing further instability and the need for intensive monitoring. Ongoing heavy rain over the wet season also delayed necessary repair works.

Are these roads safe for travellers now?

Yes. The safety of all travellers is a priority and leading geotechnical and road engineers have been engaged to provide ongoing inspections and advice regarding the placement of safety barriers and dedicated single lane sections. Please drive carefully to the road conditions, adhere to the speed limit and take note of traffic management signs.

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