

Eidsvold–Theodore Road project update

(Between the Burnett Highway and west of the Auburn River)

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Works to upgrade various sections of a 77 km stretch of Eidsvold–Theodore Road, west of Eidsvold are continuing.

Almost \$17 million is being spent to upgrade bridges, culverts and the road surface to enable permit access to heavy vehicles, in particular B-doubles.

So far the Department of Transport and Main Roads has:

- upgraded and replaced the timber bridge decks at Morrow Creek
- replaced various timber log culverts near Thistle Creek and Eidsvold
- widened the road between Springer and Redbank creeks
- rehabilitated the timber bridges at Chess Creek and Thistle Creek
- replaced the bridges at Fiery and Little Fiery creeks with boxed culverts.

A bridge replacement is underway at Springer Creek, west of St John Goldfield Road. The replacement culvert is being built on the existing alignment with a sidetrack in place until works are complete.

Works to replace the aged steel bridge deck at the Burnett River Bridge were recently completed and the bridge has reopened to traffic. These works were recently affected by heavy rainfall with the sidetrack being inundated. The department thanks all road users for their patience during this time. Works to widen the approaches to the bridge will occur in the near future.

In the coming months, additional rehabilitation works will start at St Johns Creek near Cheltenham Road and South St Johns Creek, just west of Wathonga Road.

Shoulder sealing and road strengthening works will continue to be completed at various locations along Eidsvold–Theodore Road.

With many upgrades underway along the road, motorists are asked to observe the roadworks signage and follow the instructions of traffic controllers and roadworkers for their safety and the safety of roadworkers.

The department thanks all motorists for their continued patience and cooperation while these important works are underway.



Permit access for B-double operators

With some of the works complete, B-double operators have an opportunity to apply for permit access along sections of Eidsvold–Theodore Road in the Wide Bay/Burnett region. These sections of road include:

- Eidsvold to east of the Burnett River Bridge (0 – 6.5 km)
- west of the Burnett River Bridge to the east of St Johns Creek (7.2 – 27.8 km)
- west of St Johns Creek to the east of South St Johns Creek (28 – 41.4 km)
- west of Redbank Creek to the North Burnett Regional Council boundary (47 – 77 km).

As the project progresses, permit access to additional sections of the road will become available. For more information on applying for a B-double permit, contact the department on 4154 0214.

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