

In and Around Fitzroy

Welcome to the third edition of Local Links for 2012, our locally focused newsletter that is aimed at providing communities in Central Queensland with the latest information on road projects and activities across the Fitzroy Region.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has a number of major projects commencing this year.

These projects include:

- Yeppen North Project - \$85 million
- Calliope Crossroads Project - \$150 million
- Gracemere Industrial Access Project - \$50 million
- Traffic Signal Installation Emerald - \$2.8 million

With many projects underway on the state controlled road network, road users are encouraged to be patient and drive safely.

Operation Queenslander

A new contract for reconstruction works on the Gregory, Carnarvon and Dawson highways has been awarded as part of Operation Queenslander.

The new contract has been awarded to Civil Mining and Construction (CMC), a Queensland based company that is already undertaking work on the Gregory Highway between Emerald and Clermont.

More than 9000 kilometres of Queensland's state road network has been affected by flood and other damage, with an estimated repair bill of \$4.6 billion.

Queensland's road network received more damage than any other state government asset during the flooding and cyclone events, with reconstruction expected to take a number of years.

These particular highways are important freight routes in Central Queensland and the department is working hard to improve the quality and safety of the road for all road users following the recent natural disaster damage.

This project is being delivered under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative.

Reconstruction works on these highways include pavement replacement, stabilisation and bitumen resurfacing.

Under NDRRA, the federal government provides 75 per cent of the funding, with 25 per cent from the state government.

Operation Queenslander is the largest reconstruction effort in Queensland's history – rebuilding communities, fixing infrastructure and restoring regional economies

CMC will start reconstruction works in June, weather permitting.



Panorama Creek Bridge, Dawson Highway near Rolleston

Installation of traffic signals in Emerald

Works to install another set of traffic signals in Emerald are continuing.

During construction, motorists can expect delays of up to 15 minutes. Works will be carried out during the day and night, and will involve:

- pavement repair works
- reconstruction of medians
- relocation of street lights
- installation of traffic signals.

The completion of the project will result in some minor traffic changes to the intersection including additional u-turn facilities and the removal of a number of car parking bays.

Works are expected to be completed by mid-2012, weather permitting.



Construction Progress to install traffic signals

Yeppen North Project – Bruce Highway

Works are continuing on the Yeppen North project, south of Rockhampton, with contractor Fulton Hogan undertaking vegetation clearing and site establishment.

The \$85 million Yeppen North Project includes enhanced flood protection in addition to safety and traffic flow improvements between the Yeppen Roundabout and Port Curtis Road, Rockhampton.

The full scope of works to be delivered by the Yeppen North Project include:

- New slip lane for traffic entering Rockhampton from Gracemere, addressing congestion and delays at the roundabout.
- Speed reduction curves at all roundabout approaches to reduce the likelihood of accidents and heavy vehicle rollover.

- Expansion of the roundabout to two lanes between the Yeppen Bridge entry and Capricorn Highway exit to increase capacity and reduce travel times.
- A new 420 metre Yeppen Bridge downstream of the existing structure. The new two lane bridge will be dedicated to outbound traffic and will be approximately three metres higher than the existing Yeppen Lagoon Bridge.
- Both lanes of the existing bridge will be dedicated for inbound traffic.
- Upper Dawson Road and Jellicoe Street intersection upgraded to traffic signals and expanded to cater for oversize loads, cyclists and pedestrians.
- Jellicoe Street intersection raised by more than two metres to provide improved flood immunity at southern entrance into Rockhampton.
- Reconfiguration of Port Curtis Road intersection to be left-in-left-out to directly address safety and visibility concerns at this location.

In the coming month, bridge piling works will start for the new Yeppen Bridge. Piling is expected to have minimal impact on traffic flow.

The Yeppen North Project is expected to open to traffic in early 2014.



Yeppen Lagoon Bridge

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