

### A message from the Regional Director



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January and February again brought heavy rainfall and localised flooding across the Rockhampton region. Fortunately, the state-controlled road network escaped significant damage with emergency callouts limited to minor maintenance and pothole repairs.

My thanks and appreciation go to all Main Roads staff who remained on alert during this period and the critical incident response team members who were also on standby following the recent cyclone threat.

A number of major projects remain on schedule to commence construction from May onwards. Detailed design works for the Yaamba Road pedestrian overpass and Calliope Range realignment are nearing completion. Site investigations for the Don River Bridges replacement on the Leichhardt Highway are continuing.

It is important that the community is aware of the increased amount of roadworks being completed locally over the next 18 months. Road safety is everyone's responsibility and I urge motorists to slow down around roadworks, drive to the changed conditions and observe all signage.

### Project updates

#### Rockhampton – Emu Park Road

The Rockhampton – Emu Park Road will soon be wider, smoother and safer for motorists travelling between Rockhampton and Emu Park.

Work is progressing on stage one of an \$18 million package of works to improve safety and rehabilitate Emu Park Road between Keppel Sands Road and Tanby Road.

Stage one of the project involves widening and overlaying a 3.7 kilometre section of Emu Park Road between Keppel Sands Road and Coowonga Road intersections.

When completed, this section of the Rockhampton – Emu Park Road will provide a ten metre sealed road, two metres wider than currently exists.

The intersections at Cobb and Co Road and Palm Valley Road will also be upgraded in stage one, which is expected to be completed by the end of June 2009.



## Yaamba Road pedestrian overpass

In February, York Civil Pty Ltd was announced as the successful contractor to construct the \$8 million Emmaus College Pedestrian Overpass across Yaamba Road, North Rockhampton.

The selected overpass design features a fully enclosed arched structure with stair and lift access for all weather use.

It is a maintenance-friendly design which includes provision for CCTV within the structure to increase user safety, deter vandalism and support 24 hour accessibility.

The overpass also features a 50 metre clear span to accommodate future six-laning of Yaamba Road without the need to extend the pedestrian overpass, and a seven metre clearance below the structure to accommodate over-dimensional loads.

York Civil is a South Australian based civil construction company with significant experience on multi-million dollar road and bridge construction projects in southern states of Australia.

Main Roads anticipates that all planning and design works for the overpass will be completed by the end of April 2009, with construction commencing in May.

The pedestrian overpass remains on-track to be open for the start of the 2010 school year.



*Yaamba Road pedestrian overpass  
(Architectural perspective)*

## Gracemere roundabout

Residents in Gracemere will benefit from improved traffic flow through the town's shopping precinct following completion of the new Lawrie Street roundabout.

The new \$541,000 roundabout is part of a \$2.5 million suite of works to upgrade roads in Gracemere during 2009, catering for the traffic growth the area is experiencing. Works associated with the roundabout also included line marking and provision for a pedestrian refuge.

The roundabout will provide improved safety and reduce congestion at the intersection for motorists travelling through the shopping precinct.

Rockhampton Regional Council constructed the roundabout on behalf of Main Roads.



*Gracemere roundabout*

## Calliope Range realignment

The planning and design for a new \$70 million realignment of the Calliope Range on the Dawson Highway is progressing well with the project on schedule to be completed by 2011.

Main Roads expects to call tenders in early April 2009 with construction to start in July.

Situated 50 kilometres west of Calliope on the Dawson Highway, the project spans the boundary of Banana Shire and Gladstone Regional Council.

The works will provide for a 5km realignment slightly to the north of the existing range crossing.

The realignment of the Calliope Range crossing will provide a safer, more efficient link between Gladstone and Biloela.



## Don River bridges

Planning for a \$65 million bridge replacement and realignment of the Leichhardt Highway, 22kms south of Wowan, continues to progress with hydrology and hydraulic investigations nearing completion.

The 12km realignment will include the replacement of three timber bridges originally built in the 1940s with new concrete structures. Once completed, the project will greatly improve safety and reduce the flooding risk which has previously closed the highway for extended periods of time.

Investigations and preliminary design will continue over the next three months with construction expected to commence in early 2010. The Leichhardt Highway realignment is scheduled for completion in mid 2011.



## Q150 bridge naming project

2009 marks the 150th anniversary of Queensland's independence from New South Wales. This milestone will be celebrated by the Department of Main Roads through a special project to name a number of structures across Queensland's state-controlled road network.

As part of the project Main Roads is seeking suggestions to name the three Yeppen Bridges, Scrubby Creek Bridge and Boyne River Bridge located on the Bruce Highway, as well as Branch Creek Bridge located on the Dawson Highway.

We are looking for names that mean something special in describing our structures across Queensland. Possible names can honour an individual or group that has been integral to the community's success and wellbeing. They can be explorers or pioneers, sports people, civic leaders, successful performers or artists who have a link to the local area.

Please see overleaf for further information on how you can contribute.

## Contact

For more information you can:

- » contact the Rockhampton office on +61 7 4931 1500
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# MainRoads

## Help us name these bridges: Boyne River and Branch Creek



**Main Roads, as part of the Q150 celebrations, needs your help to name Branch Creek Bridge located along the Dawson Highway and Boyne River Bridge located along the Bruce Highway.**

We are looking for names that represent your community and celebrate something special about your local area such as fauna or flora species, historical events or people who have contributed in some special way to enriching our community. In particular, suggestions with a unique tie to the local area and significant meaning to the local community will be considered.

Q150 is Queensland's celebration of 150 years of independence from New South Wales. As part of the Q150 celebrations Main Roads is naming bridges across the state in recognition of the important role roads and bridges have played in building Queensland's prosperity.

To get involved, send in your suggestion for the bridge name, including your name, phone number, postal and email address. Also include a brief description (no more than 100 words) about why your suggested name should be chosen. Please forward your suggestions by 15 May 2009 to the address below.

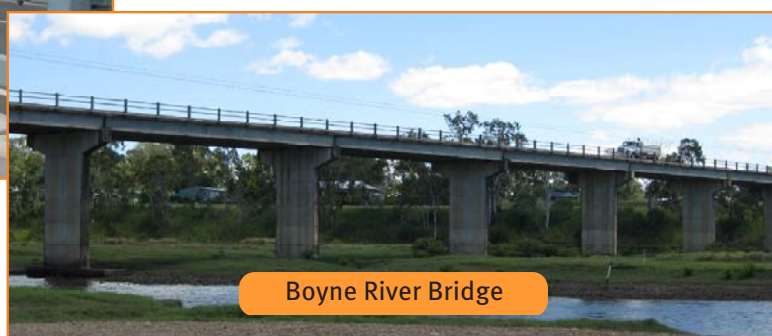
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Branch Creek Bridge



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## Help us name these bridges: Yeppen and Scrubby Creek Bridges



**Main Roads, as part of the Q150 celebrations, needs your help to name the three Yeppen Bridges and Scrubby Creek Bridge located along the Bruce Highway, near the Yeppen Roundabout in Rockhampton.**

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