

### A message from the Regional Director



**This year has been busy with many projects underway and a number of significant projects gearing up for construction in 2009.**

This financial year Fitzroy Region has a budget of \$110 million to deliver a wide range of projects across Central Queensland. Main Roads staff continue to work hard to ensure high quality delivery of these projects to improve road safety in Central Queensland.

With Christmas fast approaching, I would like to remind everyone to drive safely over the holiday period, especially if you are travelling long distances to be with family and friends.

Locations of driver reviver sites operating over the Christmas break can be obtained from the Main Roads website [www.mainroads.qld.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au).

I encourage motorists to plan their trip carefully and "Stop, Revive, Survive."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**Terry Hill**  
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### Project updates



Calliope Range

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Design for a new \$70 million realignment of the Calliope Range on the Dawson Highway is progressing well and is on schedule.

Design works will be completed in December 2008. Tenders for construction are expected to be called in early 2009.

The project is situated 50km west of Calliope on the Dawson Highway and spans the boundary of Banana Shire and Gladstone Regional Council.

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

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

### Rockhampton - Emu Park Road

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

Upgrading of the Rockhampton - Emu Park Road will cater for the increasing traffic being generated by population growth in and around Emu Park.

The \$3.9 million project will start east of the Keppel Sands Road intersection, finishing east of the Coowonga Road intersection.

Works involve widening and overlaying a 3.8km section of existing road, providing a 10m wide fully bitumen sealed surface.



Rockhampton - Emu Park Road

## Yaamba Road Overpass



Minister for Main Roads Warren Pitt announced in June that Emmaus College had been identified as one of four schools in Queensland that would benefit from the construction of a pedestrian underpass or overpass. The community chose an overpass as the most suitable facility for students and pedestrians to cross busy Yaamba Road.

Planning and design of the pedestrian overpass on Yaamba Road is on schedule. Tenders for the construction of the overpass were called in October and closed in November. The successful tenderer will be announced mid December.

The construction of the overpass is expected to commence mid 2009 and be completed for the start of the 2010 school year.

The overpass design will feature an enclosed overhead walkway with protective screens to protect users and vehicles below.

The overpass will be accessible via both lifts and stairs 24 hours a day. The overpass will provide a safer crossing alternative for students at Emmaus College and for the general public wishing to cross Yaamba Road.



## Project updates

### Gracemere Roundabout

Construction of a roundabout in Gracemere at the intersection of John Street, Lawrie Street and Russell Street commenced on 20 October 2008.

The \$541,000 roundabout will help address traffic congestion and provide safer controlled traffic movements through the busy intersection.

As part of this project, construction of a pedestrian refuge on Lawrie Street between Russell Street and Platen Street will provide a safer pedestrian crossing.

Rockhampton Regional Council is constructing the roundabout on behalf of Main Roads.

Works will be completed in January 2008.

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