



### A message from the Regional Director

It is a very exciting time at the moment in Mackay with a number of major roads projects now well underway.

Main Roads Mackay/Whitsunday Region is working hard to deliver a huge program of road and bridge projects that will help equip Mackay for the future.

With the booming resources industry creating record traffic growth in the area, the region's roads have never been more important.

More than \$360 million has been allocated in the current Roads Implementation Program (2008-09 to 2012-13) for roads projects and maintenance for Mackay, the Whitsundays, Bowen and the Central Queensland mining areas surrounding Moranbah and Clermont.

If you would like to view a copy of the Roads Implementation Program, log onto [www.mainroads.qld.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au) and follow the links to the Corporate Publications.

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### Forgan Bridge project

Work on the \$127.9 million replacement and duplication of the Forgan Bridge over the Pioneer River is progressing well.

The temporary work platform is now in operation and the steel liners for the piles have been driven on abutment B and also on pier 17.

Changes to linemarking on Barnes Creek Road took place recently and motorists can expect further changes as work progresses.

The bridge is being built in two parts. Firstly a new two-lane bridge will be built downstream of the existing bridge. The existing bridge will then be demolished and a second two-lane bridge will be constructed, resulting in a new four-lane bridge over the Pioneer River.

Once completed the new four-lane bridge will improve congestion on the busy commuter route while also improving safety and network efficiency. It will also be able to accommodate future increases in traffic.

This project also includes the construction of a new bridge over Barnes Creek and the upgrade of the Kooyong intersection.



## Hospital Bridge project

The \$33.6 million Hospital Bridge Replacement Project is currently on track to meet its May 2009 completion date.

Eight of the 22 spans have been erected and 48 of the 132 girders have been lifted into place.

The majority of roadworks have now been completed with only the tie-ins to the existing road network and the final running surface to be completed.

The temporary working platform will soon be relocated to the southern side of the Pioneer River and all work in the main channel of the river will be completed by January 2009 to avoid the wet season.



## Mackay-Bucasia Road

Paving of the western lanes on the \$17 million Mackay-Bucasia Road Duplication Project is almost complete, only the approaches to the rail overpass are yet to be finished.

The new carriageway between Phillip Street and Baxter Drive will be sealed in the coming weeks. Following this, the asphalt overlay to both carriageways between Phillip Street and Baxter Drive will be constructed.

Traffic will soon be diverted onto the new western carriageway between Holts Road and Habana Road and work on the embankment and widening of the new (eastern) carriageway between Beaconsfield Road and Golflinks/Habana Road will commence.

The project is due to be completed in early 2009.



## Joint Levee Road

Stage one of the \$14.2 million Joint Levee Road project was completed in July. The embankment has been built up to a height of 2.5 metres and now needs to settle for approximately four months.

Tenders for stage two of construction will be called in September. Stage two involves building the embankment up to five metres followed by an additional settlement period.

Stage three is the construction of the road. Once the road is constructed and work on upgrading the Kooyong intersection has taken place as part of the Forgan Bridge project, the Joint Levee Road will be open to traffic. Main Roads will then proceed with the upgrading of Malcomson Street.



*Emulsion seal, Joint Levee Road*

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