

### A message from the Regional Director



Hi and welcome to the latest edition of *Local Links*.

Floods in North Queensland have affected many of our communities across the state and national road network that keeps us connected.

Main Roads is working hard in these flood-affected areas to get Queenslanders moving again, repairing roads and making sure our roads and structures are safe to travel on.

Flooded roads are particularly vulnerable to serious damage, if trafficked before water drains out of the gravel base. Main Roads will be inspecting and re-opening these roads as soon as practically possible.

For all the latest flood information on our road network please log on to [www.racq.com](http://www.racq.com) or the Main Roads website at [www.mainroads.qld.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au).

For those who don't have access to the internet, please call the RACQ or our offices for all flood and road information.

In the South-West we are working on numerous projects which will improve safety, efficiency and conditions for travellers.

Please drive with care, particularly through roadworks - roadwork safety is your responsibility too.

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### Funding update

The Roads Implementation Program (RIP) is Main Roads' primary mechanism for delivering roads to meet current and future needs.

The RIP is one of the most important capital works programs for Queensland. It recognises the important role of roads in connecting people, goods and services.

The RIP is a rolling five-year program of works, with firm funding for projects in the first two years and indicative funding for planning purposes over the following three years.

To find out more about road projects for the South West Region, log on to [www.mainroads.qld.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au) or call the Roma or Charleville offices.



# Main Roads Local Links

## Roadworks update

### Angellala Creek Bridge Warrego Highway (Morven - Charleville)

The Angellala Creek Bridge and road approaches are being upgraded at a cost of \$5.4 million.

The bridge is located about 24km west of Morven on the Warrego Highway (Morven – Charleville).

Motorists and heavy vehicles are required to divert around the bridge via a sidetrack that is now in place. The sidetrack will be in use for the duration of the works.

All road users will be required to reduce speed to 40km/h when using the sidetrack which is subject to flooding.

In the event of severe weather and the creek becomes flooded and impassable, a temporary diversion may be required to redirect traffic via Augathella.

Road closure signs will be in place at the start of the link in the event access is cut between Charleville and Morven.



*Upgrade works on the Angellala Creek Bridge*

### Womalilla Creek Bridge Mitchell – St George Road

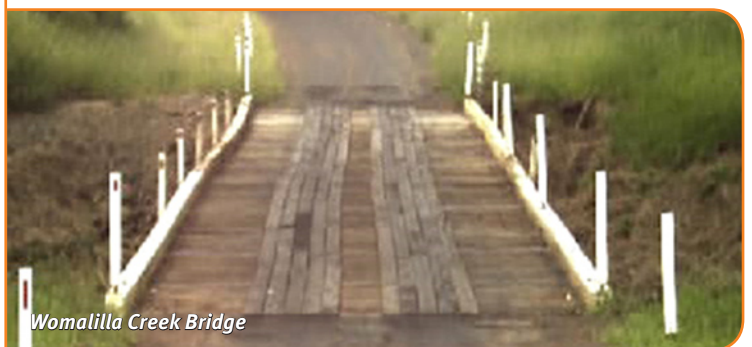
Main Roads is now undertaking rehabilitation works on the Womalilla Creek Bridge, approx 35km south of Mitchell on the Mitchell – St George Road.

Main Roads routinely regularly inspects all bridges for structural soundness, and programs remedial work based on these inspections.

The Womalilla Creek Bridge is more than 70 years old and decking and girders now requires replacement to extend the life of the ageing bridge.

Main Roads' construction arm RoadTek is carrying out the works.

Delays of up to 30 minutes can be expected at the bridge during the construction period. The speed limit on the approaches to the bridge will be reduced to 40 km/h.



*Womalilla Creek Bridge*



*Eulo Turn-off, Quilpie - Thargomindah Road*

### Quilpie – Thargomindah Road (Eulo Turn-off)

A project to seal the final seven kilometres of the Quilpie - Thargomindah Road to the Eulo turnoff has now been completed.

With completion of the roadworks, the link between Quilpie and Cunnamulla is now sealed.

The \$1.8 million project was jointly funded by the federal and state governments and Quilpie Shire Council.

Having the link sealed as an all-weather road will benefit graziers and landowners in the region through reduced travel time in wet conditions between the two towns.

## Projects update

### » Roma - Taroom Road (sections)

Widening and construction of sections in Roma Regional Council and Banana Shires. Works are on-going in both shires. RoadTek has now sealed a 2km section of the link at "lighthouse".

### » Diamantina Developmental Road (Ward River Bridge)

Road and bridge works continue at the Ward River Bridge site about 18km west of Charleville off the Diamantina Developmental Road. No traffic delays are expected at this site, as the new bridge is being constructed on a new alignment. This project is progressing smoothly and is due to be completed in mid-2009, weather permitting.

### » Warrego Highway widening (Morven – Charleville)

Widening works are underway on the Warrego Highway (Morven to Charleville), approximately 30km west of Morven.



*Sealing works on Roma-Taroom Road*



*Progress is continuing on the Ward River Bridge on the Diamantina Developmental Road*



*Mitchell Main Street has now been completed at a cost of \$3.1 million*

## Projects coming up

### » Mitchell Highway (Barrington to Cunnamulla)

Widen and improve the alignment from the New South Wales border.

### » Carnarvon Highway (Injune to Rolleston)

Continuation of widening from Injune to Rolleston in 2009.

### » Warrego Highway safety works

Safety works are underway to improve a 4km section of the highway, west of Dulacca. Future safety improvements will occur soon at Eaglehawk and Blythe Creek Bridges, between Roma and Dulacca.

### » Roma Town Intersection Safety Upgrade (Bowen and Quintin streets)

Work to convert this intersection to a T-intersection, will commence soon. After completion, the intersection will allow left turn in, left turn out access only to and from Bowen Street west.

### » Reseal Program

310 km of state and national highways is currently being resealed in the South West Region under a \$8.5 million program.

Traffic management will be in place during these works, and works will be closely supervised by our engineers. Motorists are reminded to drive with particular care during and immediately following new reseals, as under some circumstances, loose screenings can be present, and these can reduce tyre traction.

### » Mungindi Bridge replacement

Planning work is progressing on a project to replace the Mungindi Bridge over the Barwon River on the Queensland/New South Wales Border.



The existing Mungindi Bridge

## Developments

### Does your proposed development connect to or affect a state-controlled road?

The Integrated Planning Act 1997 requires local government development assessment managers to send all applications that are relevant to state-controlled roads to the Department of Main Roads.

Under the Transport Infrastructure Act, Main Roads can apply conditions to these applications to maintain a safe and efficient road network.

For further advice on these matters please contact our friendly Main Roads Development Assessment team on +61 7 4622 9501.

## Did you know?

The South West Region has two offices which are located in Roma and Charleville.

Be sure to drop in for any questions or feedback in relation to the state-controlled road network.

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Phone 1800776 237 to report road safety issues.

For all state-wide road condition reports please contact the RACQ on 1300 130 595 or log on to [www.racq.com.au](http://www.racq.com.au)