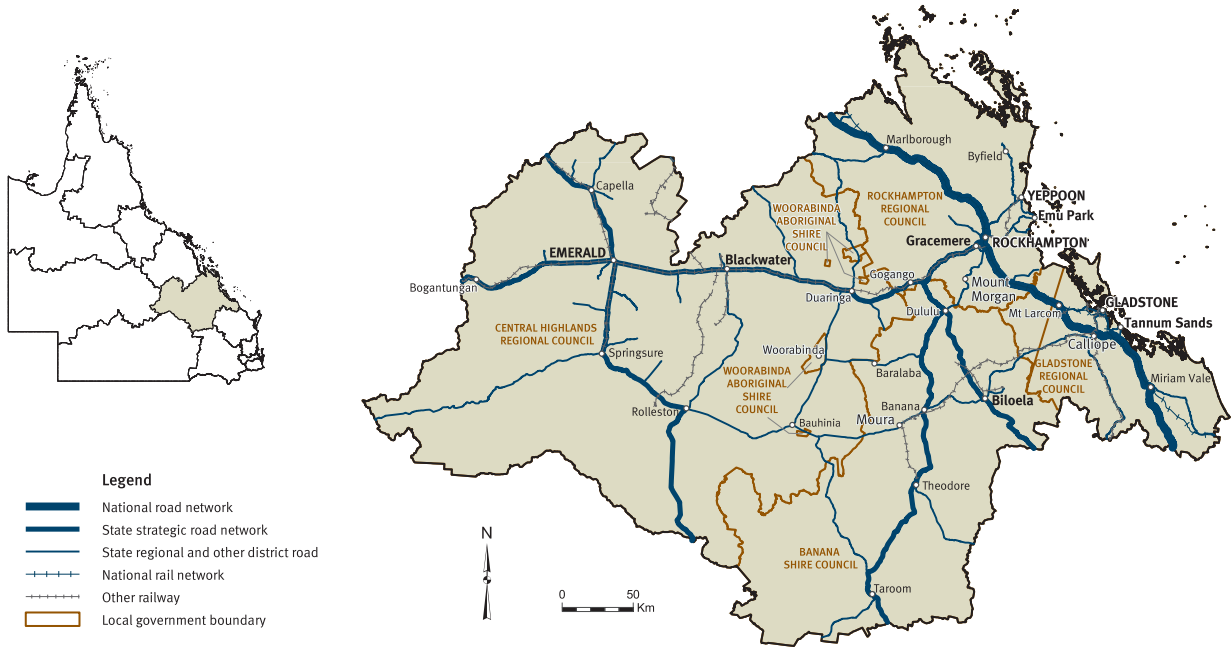


Fitzroy Road Facts

2010-11



Area profile

- Area:** 177 813km², extending from Gladstone and Yeppoon on the east coast to west of Emerald, and from north of Marlborough to south of Taroom.
- Population:** Around 214 753.
- Industries:** Mining, cotton, grain, cattle, fruit, tourism, education.

Connecting Fitzroy

Transport and Main Roads services the state-controlled road network in Queensland. The department's Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2010-11 to 2013-14, outlines what the department is doing in the Fitzroy Region of Queensland, now and in the future. The department's Rockhampton Office and Emerald Office are the main points of contact for residents, industry and business to connect with Transport and Main Roads and learn more about what is happening in the area.

State road projects in and around the Fitzroy Region are funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government. In the current roads program, the Queensland Government is investing \$119 570 000 in the region during 2010-11 (including \$4 204 000 in Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme projects), and the Australian Government is contributing \$37 743 000*. Developers also contribute to the roads program.

* Includes \$278 000 Queensland Government contributions to National Network projects.



Yaamba Road pedestrian overpass

Road network

- Bruce Highway (Gin Gin - St Lawrence)
- Capricorn Highway (Rockhampton - Bogantungan)
- Carnarvon Highway (Injune - Rolleston)
- Leichhardt Highway (Westwood - Miles)
- Gregory Highway (Springsure - Clermont)
- Burnett Highway (Biloela - Rockhampton)
- Dawson Highway (Gladstone - Springsure)
- Fitzroy Development Road (Taroom - Mt Flora)
- Dawson Development Road (Springsure - Tambo)
- Bundaberg-Miram Vale Road
- Gladstone-Mt Larcom Road
- Gladstone Port Access Road
- Gladstone-Benaraby Road
- Bajool-Port Alma Road
- Keppel Sands Road
- Rockhampton-Emu Park Road
- Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road
- Western Yeppoon-Emu Park Road
- Ogmore Connection Road
- Gavial-Gracemere Road
- Eidsvold-Theodore road
- Baralaba-Rannes Road
- Blackwater-Rolleston Road
- Gladstone-Monto Road
- Biloela-Callide Road
- Rockhampton-Ridgeland Road
- Marlborough-Sarina Road
- Blackwater-Cooroorah Road
- Duaringa Connection Road
- Dysart-Middlemount Road
- Tannum Sands Road
- Boyne Island Road
- Yeppoon Western Bypass Road
- Roma-Taroom Road
- Selma Road
- Cullin-La-Ringo Road
- Orion 10 Chain Road
- Glenorina Road
- Comet River Road
- Arcturus Road
- Baralaba-Woorabinda Road
- Duaringa-Apis Creek Road
- Cotherstone Road
- Yan Yan Road
- Retro-Corry Road
- Anakie-Sapphire Road

Fitzroy road activities

Significant achievements in 2009-10

Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Completed 13.5km of rehabilitation on the Dawson Highway between Meteor Creek and Three Chain Road, west of Rolleston. Works included rehabilitating and widening the highway to a standard 8.5m-wide seal.

Safe transport system promoting health and well-being

- Installed traffic signals on the Capricorn Highway at the entrance to Gracemere. Works included reducing highway speed limit between Gracemere and Fairybower Road intersection to improve safety for all road users.
- Completed installation of high-visibility road signage on Gladstone-Monto Road, north of Many Peaks, to improve safety for all road users.
- Installed traffic signals on the Gregory Highway (Hospital Road) at the intersection of Ruby/Egerton Street, in Emerald.

Cost-effective transport system delivery

- Commenced early works on the Calliope Range realignment on the Dawson Highway with the translocation of over 500 environmentally significant Cycad trees. The 5km realignment will be constructed north of the existing Dawson Highway range crossing. The new road will provide a safer, more freight-efficient alignment to replace the current highway bottleneck.

A transport system providing access to employment, education and services

- Completed construction of the Yaamba Road pedestrian overpass to provide safe pedestrian access across Yaamba Road and improve long-term traffic flow on the busy North Rockhampton corridor.



Key deliverables in 2010-11 and 2011-12

Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Commence construction works to replace three timber bridges across the Don River on the Leichhardt Highway, 22km south of Wowan, with new concrete structures on a new alignment. This project will improve the immunity of Windmill Creek and Log Creek.
- Commence rehabilitation and widening of the Capricorn Highway between Winton Creek and the Australian Agricultural College (Emerald Campus). Works include resurfacing 6km of the highway to provide a standard 9m-wide seal.

Safe transport system promoting health and well-being

- Undertake the rehabilitation and widening of the Wallaroo Range on the Carnarvon Highway. The project includes rehabilitating and widening the highway to provide a standard 8.5m seal, creating a safer and smoother ride for road users.
- Complete the installation of a further two sets of traffic signals on the Gregory Highway (Hospital Road) at the intersection of Curt Street and Harris/Egan Streets, in Emerald.

Transport systems leadership

- Undertake the Fitzroy River Floodplain Road Planning Study, funded by the Federal Government, to investigate future transport needs and make recommendations on the priorities for government spending to deliver a safe, efficient and flood-immune road transport corridor in central Queensland.

Major challenges for Fitzroy

- Supporting regional development, industry competitiveness and rapid population and traffic growth in coastal cities and remote communities by upgrading key freight and passenger routes.
- Ensuring safe and efficient travel conditions for road users, especially targeting fatigue due to long-distance commuting by mine staff and tradespeople, and high levels of heavy vehicle growth from increasing freight movements.
- Providing sustainable planning to contribute to and support regional development and improve the accessibility and quality of life for Queenslanders living in rural and isolated communities.
- Maintaining and managing an ageing road network in rural and fast-growing regional communities.
- Continuing to work with the federal and local governments to identify, plan, prioritise and deliver road upgrades where and when they are needed.
- Protecting environmental biodiversity and sensitivity with sustainable planning and construction practices.



How to find out more

To find out more, the department's website has up-to-date information on current and future projects, roadworks and road closures, web cameras and how communities and interested citizens can be involved in community engagement activities.

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