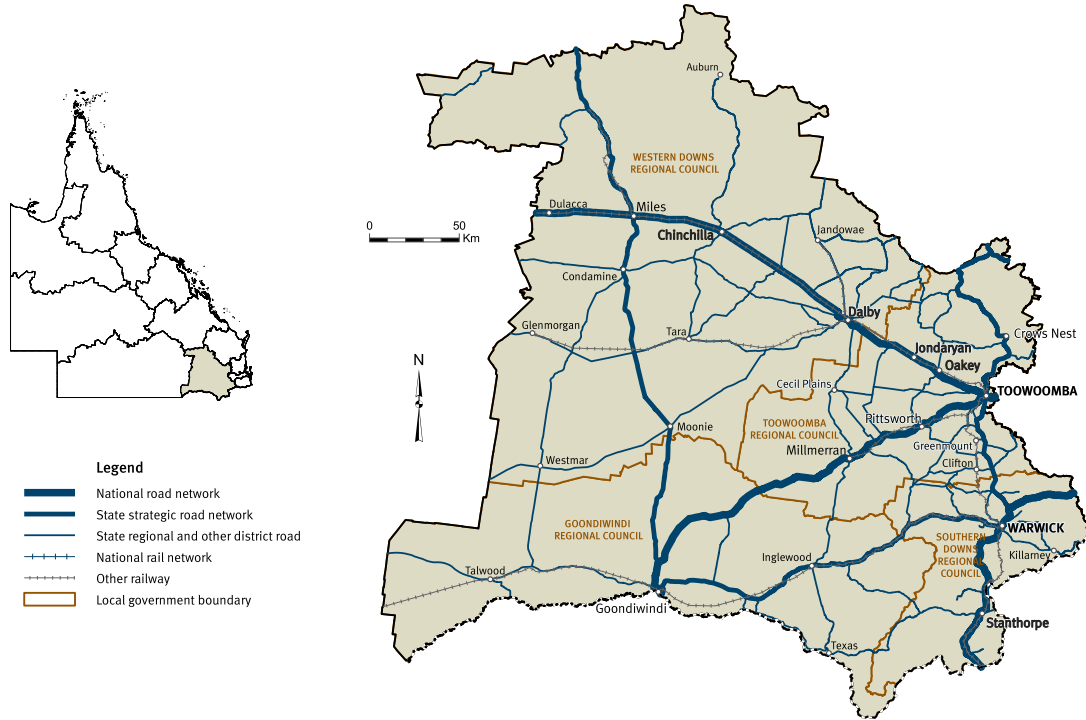


# Darling Downs Road Facts

2010-11



## Area profile

- Area:** 77 389km<sup>2</sup>, extending from Miles in the north to the New South Wales border in the south, and from Crows Nest, Toowoomba and Warwick in the east to Glenmorgan in the west.
- Population:** Around 231 600.
- Industries:** Grain, cotton, cattle, wool, fruit, tourism, energy.

## Connecting Darling Downs

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 Darling Downs Region of Queensland, now and in the future. The department's Warwick Office and Toowoomba 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 Darling Downs Region are funded by the Queensland Government and the Federal Government. In the current roads program, the Queensland Government is investing over \$104 million in the area (including almost \$6.5 million in Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme projects), and the Federal Government is contributing around \$12 million. Developers also contribute to the roads program.



### Road network

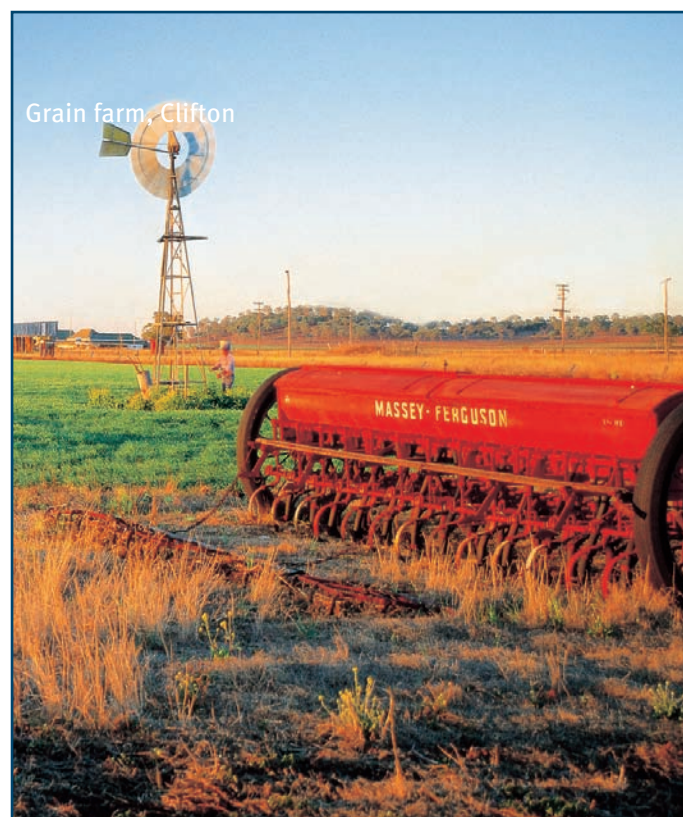
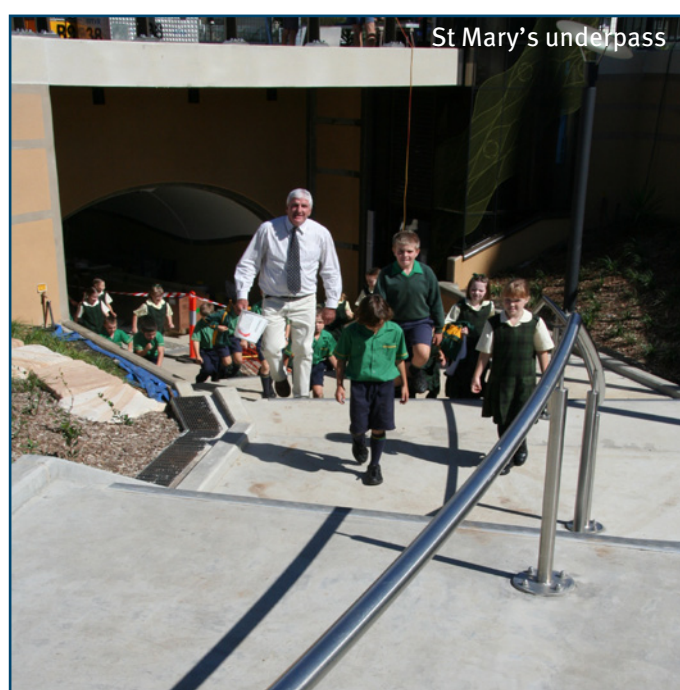
- Cunningham Highway (Ipswich - Goondiwindi)
- Warrego Highway (Ipswich - Roma)
- New England Highway (Yarraman - Wallangarra)
- Leichhardt Highway (Taroom - Goondiwindi)
- Gore Highway (Toowoomba - Goondiwindi)
- Barwon Highway (Goondiwindi - Nindigully)
- Moonie Highway (Dalby - St George)
- D'Aguilar Highway (Kilcoy - Kingaroy)
- Bunya Highway (Dalby - Kingaroy)
- Surat Developmental Road (Surat - Dalby)
- Warwick - Killarney Road
- Warwick - Yangan Road
- Stanthorpe Connection Road
- Stanthorpe - Amosfield Road
- Inglewood - Texas Road
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- Yelarbon - Keetah Road
- Gatton - Clifton Road
- Charlton Connection Road
- Drayton Connection Road
- Oakey - Pittsworth Road
- Toowoomba - Cecil Plains Road
- Dalby - Cecil Plains Road
- Oakey Connection Road
- Pampas - Horrane Road
- Felton - Clifton Road
- Toowoomba - Karara Road
- Pittsworth - Felton Road
- Millmerran - Leyburn Road
- Clifton - Leyburn Road
- Millmerran - Inglewood Road
- Dalby - Kogan Road
- Chinchilla - Tara Road
- Kogan - Condamine Road
- Roma - Condamine Road
- Condamine - Meandarra Road
- Meandarra - Talwood Road
- Talwood - Boonanga Road
- Goondiwindi Connection Road
- Esk - Hampton Road
- Dalby - Cooyar Road
- Oakey - Cooyar Road
- Pechey - Macalagan Road
- Kingaroy - Cooyar Road
- Dalby - Jandowae Road
- Macalister - Bell Road
- Jandowae Connection Road
- Kingaroy - Jandowae Road
- Chinchilla - Wondai Road
- Freestone Road
- Pyramids Road
- Bracker Road
- Spring Creek Road
- Yangan - Killarney Road
- Amiens Road
- Leslie Dam Road
- Texas - Yelarbon Road
- Greenmount - Hirstvale Road
- Allora - Goomburra Road
- Bowenville - Norwin Road
- Wyaga Road
- Brookstead - Norwin Road
- Millmerran - Cecil Plains Road
- Dalrymple Creek Road
- Warwick - Allora Road
- Cambooya Connection Road
- Leyburn - Cunningham Road
- Nobby Connection Road
- Greenmount Connection Road
- Ryeford - Pratten Road
- Daandine - Nandi Road
- Tara - Kogan Road
- Warra - Kogan Road
- Murphy's Creek Road
- Bunya Mountains Road
- Bunya Mountains - Macalagan Road
- Maidenwell - Bunya Mountains Road
- Warra - Canaga Creek Road
- Auburn Road
- Jackson - Wandoan Road
- Roma - Taroom Road

## Darling Downs road activities

### Significant achievements in 2009-10

#### Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Commenced or completed the widening and rehabilitation of sections of the Leichhardt Highway between Taroom and the Murri Murri intersection to meet width standards and reduce roughness of the road.
- Completed the pavement rehabilitation of sections of the Cunningham Highway between Inglewood and Goondiwindi and rehabilitation of the main street through Yelarbon.
- Completed the flood damage restoration of the road network caused by January 2008 flooding across the Southern Downs.
- Commenced the widening and overlay of sections of the Oakey-Cooyar Road approximately 15km north of Oakey.
- Completed rehabilitation of sections of Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road.
- Commenced road rehabilitation on a section of the New England Highway and completed bridge rehabilitation works south of Drayton Connection Road.
- Completed construction of a new concrete bridge and approaches at Oakey Creek on Inglewood-Texas Road.



#### Safe transport systems promoting health and well-being

- Completed underpass project to protect students from traffic at St Mary's Primary School on Wood Street (Cunningham Highway) in Warwick.
- Completed Black Spot Program projects to address improvements, such as guard rails and traffic islands, on a number of intersections and tourist routes in the Southern Downs.
- Through the Safer Roads Sooner program:
  - commenced works on the Barwon Highway, west of Goondiwindi
  - commenced project for construction of caravan pull-off areas on the Leichhardt Highway
  - commenced project to seal sections of unsealed road on Warra-Kogan Road
  - completed project to widen and seal shoulders on a section of Chinchilla-Tara Road
  - completed project to address fatigue management within Western Downs Regional Council area.

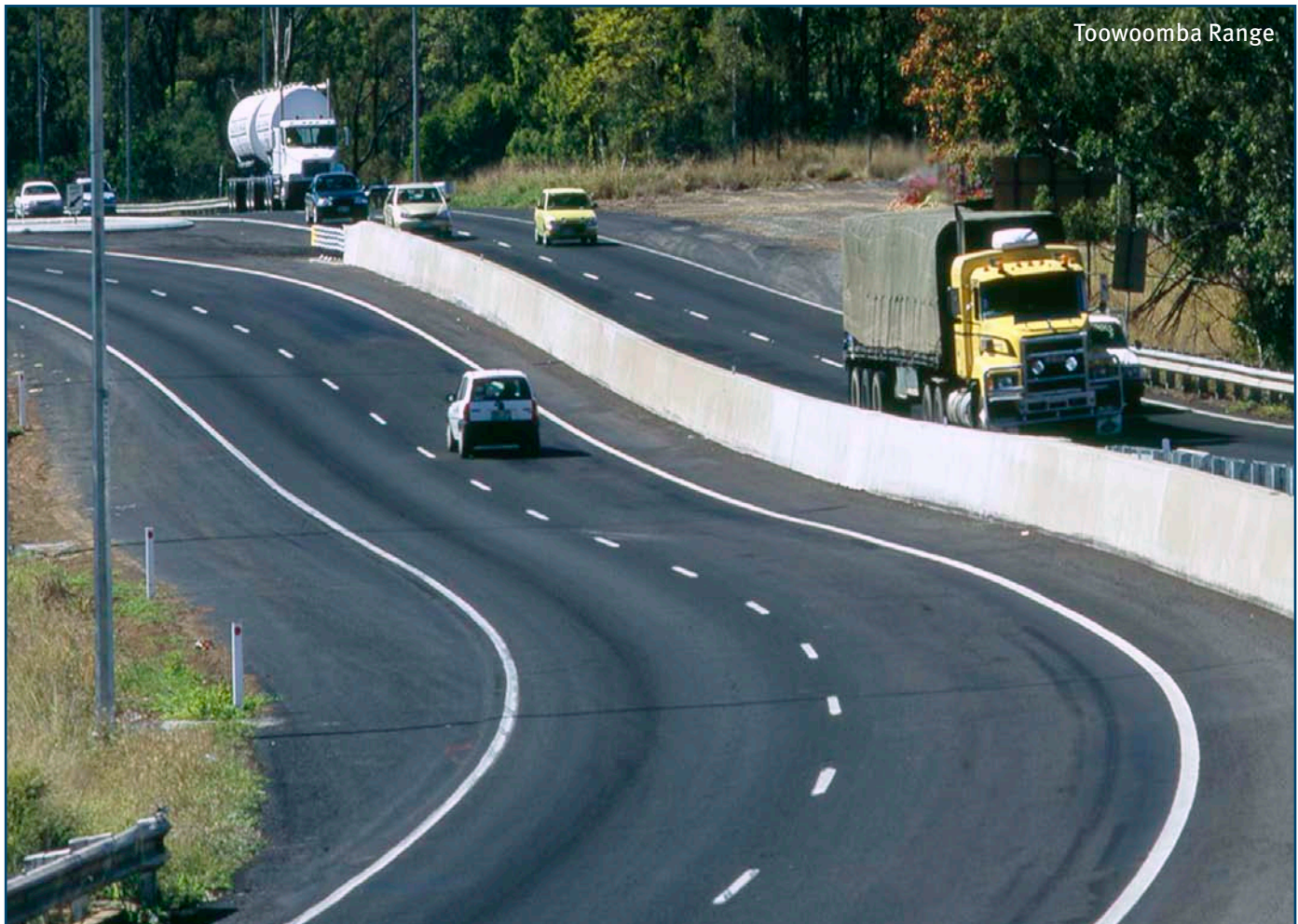


### **A transport system providing access to employment, education and services**

- Commenced replacement of old timber bridge over Wilkie Creek on Dalby-Kogan Road with a new concrete bridge.
- Completed replacement of old timber bridge and its approaches over MacIntyre River on Talwood-Boonanga Road, south of Talwood, with a new concrete bridge.

### **Transport-related impacts on natural, cultural and built environments managed**

- Continued to develop road construction and maintenance practices to:
  - maintain biodiversity through reduced clearing, weed control and replanting
  - minimise land degradation
  - minimise noise and vibration
  - maximise the re-use of materials, including salvaged timber components from replacement bridge projects, for repairs on existing bridges.





- Commenced pest control management as part of an ongoing five-year program to eradicate declared weeds.
- Commenced collection of key environmental data, to include weeds, cultural heritage and degraded sites for improved impact assessment of road projects.
- Continued participation by departmental staff in key environmental stakeholder groups, such as the Chilean Needle Grass Working Group.
- Continued strategic environmental investigations undertaken for key link roads.

### Key deliverables in 2010-11 and 2011-12

#### Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Continue to widen and rehabilitate sections of the Leichhardt Highway between Taroom and the Murri Murri intersection to meet current minimum width standards and reduce roughness of the road.

- Upgrade floodways and rehabilitate sections of the Cunningham Highway between Inglewood and Goondiwindi.
- Continue to widen and overlay sections of Oakey-Cooyar Road, approximately 15km north of Oakey, to improve safety for road users.
- Continue rehabilitation of sections of the New England Highway, south of Drayton Connection Road.
- Continue to rehabilitate a section of Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road.
- Commence construction of a section of Bunya Mountains-Maclagan Road near Rangemore School, to meet seal standards.
- Commence widening and sealing works on sections of the Bunya Highway between Walkers Creek and Porters Gap.
- Commence replacement of bridges and approaches at Bum Bum Creek on the New England Highway, Kings Creek on Gatton-Clifton Road and Kogan Creek on Dalby-Kogan Road.



# Darling Downs Road Facts

## Safe transport systems promoting health and well-being

- Commence Black Spot Program projects to address hazard removal and delineation on roads within the Southern Downs.
- Through the Safer Roads Sooner program:
  - continue projects for works on the Barwon Highway, west of Goondiwindi
  - complete project for construction of caravan pull-off areas on the Leichhardt Highway
  - continue project to widen shoulders, and install guide posts, new edgelines and reflective raised pavement markers on the Warrego Highway east of Warra
  - continue project to construct and seal 8.5km of unsealed road on Warra-Kogan Road to meet sealed two-lane standard.



## A transport system providing access to employment, education and services

- Commence replacement of old timber bridge over Ashall Creek on Dalby-Cecil Plains Road with a new concrete bridge.
- Continue replacement of old timber bridge over Wilkie Creek on Dalby-Kogan Road with a new concrete bridge.
- Commence construction of a new concrete bridge at Wieambilla Creek on Kogan-Condamine Road to replace old timber bridge.



Woolshed at Jondaryan

### Transport-related impacts on the natural, cultural and built environments managed

- Continue to develop road construction and maintenance practices to:
  - maintain biodiversity through reduced clearing, weed control and replanting
  - minimise land degradation
  - minimise noise and vibration
  - maximise the re-use of materials, including salvaged timber components from replacement bridge projects, for repairs on existing bridges.
- Continue pest control over the next five years, to include management of declared weeds.
- Collection of key environmental data to include weeds, cultural heritage and degraded sites, for improved impact assessment of road projects.
- Continue participation by departmental staff in key environmental stakeholder groups, such as the Chilean Needle Grass Working Group.
- Continue strategic environmental investigations undertaken for key link roads.



## Major challenges for Darling Downs

- Ensuring safe and efficient travel conditions for road users.
- Supporting economic development by assisting freight movement associated with established industries such as tourism, grain growing and pastoral activities.
- Supporting oil and gas industries and emerging freight hubs.
- Maintaining and managing an aging road network in rural and fast growing regional communities.
- Continuing to develop our capability to manage and operate the road network through our people, local governments and the private sector.
- Continuing to work in partnership with local government to develop and deliver the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme.
- Targeting the reduction of accident prone areas through the Safer Roads Sooner program.



### 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.

Please visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) or contact a local Transport and Main Roads office.

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