About the Cape York Region Package

The Cape York Region Package (CYRP) is a $260.5 million program of works jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments to upgrade critical infrastructure on Cape York Peninsula.

The package consists of:

- A $200 million program of works to seal some priority gravel sections of the Peninsula Developmental Road (PDR).
- $10 million spent over four years for sealing works on the Endeavour Valley Road (EVR) through to Hope Vale.
- $50.5 million for priority Community Works identified by the Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (CIMA).

2016 in review

2016 saw the CYRP team deliver many successful project milestones, including:

- Completing Stages Three and Four of the EVR upgrade and starting work on a section of the final stage (Stage Five).
- Road upgrades in Indigenous communities. For the communities of Pormpuraaw and Aurukun, this means improved travelling conditions on their access roads.
- Completing the last 10.1km of the 2015 PDR Mein Deviation (29km) project.
- Completing the 2016 PDR Musgrave (12km) and Little Laura to Fairview (5km) road sealing projects.
- Making progress on the 2016 PDR Coen South (22km) and Archer to Wolverton (13km) road sealing projects.

In 2016, an extra 35.5km of the PDR was sealed.

- Creating employment opportunities for local Indigenous and non-Indigenous workers, businesses, suppliers and training providers. On 30 November 2016*:
  - 87 Indigenous people, including 35 New Entrant trainees were employed on the sealing and gravel production projects on the PDR. This equates to 27% of the workforce.
  - 18 Indigenous businesses/joint ventures were working on or sub-contracted to the PDR projects.

*These figures represent a point in time and varies depending on the work that took place and the stage of the projects.
At work on the PDR in 2016

An average of 180 direct jobs are being supported over the life of the four 2016 PDR projects. On 24 October 2016, Indigenous Trainees working on the Coen South PDR sealing project were issued with log books to record hours spent operating various pieces of equipment. This is an important step towards gaining their Certificate III in Civil Construction.

“Hopefully the young fellas leaving school can look at it and want to do something like that when they get older,” said Grant.

EVR delivers Indigenous opportunities

The $10 million EVR sealing works are being delivered by Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council and Transport and Main Roads’ construction arm, RoadTek. An average nine direct jobs are being supported over the life of the project.

The work provides safer, all-weather access to regional centres, economic development and education and training opportunities.

“I think the success of the project isn’t just in the road. It’s all about changing things for the better – the road, the relationships between people, improvements in skills and job opportunities,” said RoadTek Workplace Trainer Bradley Hogan.

Safety reminder: Driving to conditions on the PDR

Every year on the PDR incidents and crashes happen because people do not drive to conditions. Safety is Transport and Main Roads’ top priority, and we encourage all road users to review the Driving the Peninsula Developmental Road fact sheet before beginning their journey on the PDR.

The fact sheet is available on our website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search ‘Cape York Region Package Peninsula Developmental Road’. For traffic and travel information, we also encourage road users to visit qldtraffic.qld.gov.au.

Further information

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