



Capricorn Highway connector bridge (March 2026)

Rockhampton Ring Road

Momentum is building on regional Queensland's largest road project, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments.

Construction of the Rockhampton Ring Road is well underway, with major works progressing across multiple locations on this transformative project for the Bruce Highway.

Activity is focused on delivering the bridges and overpasses that will connect communities and enhance accessibility across the region.

With activity ramping up, the scale and complexity of work highlights the detailed planning and coordination required to keep the project moving forward. Construction is advancing through challenging terrain, including floodplains and over the Fitzroy River, as part of efforts to deliver a more efficient and resilient road network for Central Queensland.



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Construction update mid-2026

The Rockhampton Ring Road features 18 bridges, including eight road overpasses all currently under construction. Constructing an overpass involves several key stages including design, excavation, and the construction of abutments, retaining walls, piers, girders, and deck units, followed by surfacing and finishing. Current progress includes:

- **Nine Mile Road overpass** – piling deliveries commence June
- **Ridglands Road overpass** – abutment civils complete, piling underway
- **Six Mile Road overpass** – pile deliveries complete July
- **Milner Road overpass** – piling and abutments complete, girder installation commences July
- **Edmistone Road overpass** – earthworks underway
- **Alexandra Street overpass** – piling and abutments complete, pier one complete June
- **McLaughlin Street overpass** – piling, abutments, and retaining walls are complete
- **Monier Road overpass** – piling, abutments, and piers are complete.

Crossing the floodplain

The project is committed to protecting the Fitzroy River floodplain and its important wetlands, including:

- Pink Lily Lagoon
- Lotus Lagoon
- Black Duck Lagoon.

These wetlands are classified as having 'High Ecological Significance' and provide vital habitats for migratory birds and aquatic species.

Construction complies with the strict conditions under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and follows Environmental Management Plans to minimise impacts. Measures include controlling erosion, sediment, and pollution to prevent runoff into wetlands or waterways. Bridges and culverts are designed to maintain natural water flow and connectivity during floods.

Monitoring and compliance are key to the project's environmental management, with annual reports developed to track vegetation clearing, water quality, rehabilitation, and wildlife impacts.

Disturbed areas are rehabilitated with native vegetation replanted to restore habitats and prevent erosion.

Interesting facts



3.5 million tonnes of earthworks



2,340 piles



976 Super T-girders



251 local businesses engaged on RRR in 2026

136 animal species recorded during environmental surveys



105 birds



18 mammals



9 reptiles



4 amphibians

The location of the third Fitzroy River crossing looking southwest from Parkhurst to Pink Lily (March 2026).

Crossing the Fitzroy River

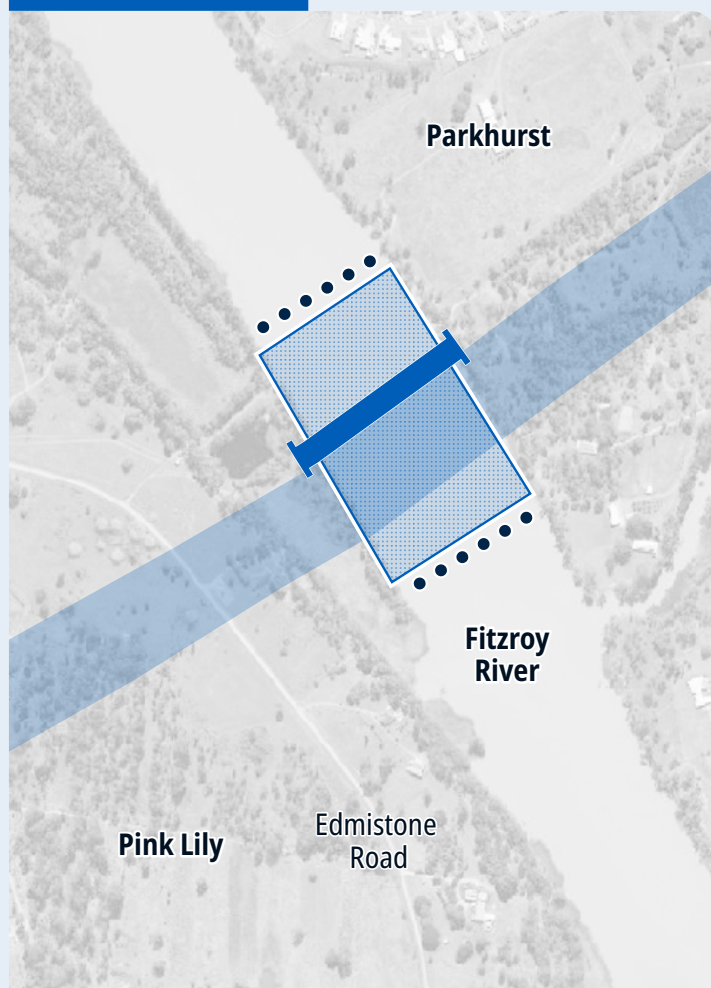
Work has commenced on installing a temporary bridge over the Fitzroy River, which will serve as a work platform for constructing the third river crossing between Pink Lily and Parkhurst. Spanning the river from bank to bank, the temporary bridge will support piling rigs, cranes, and other heavy vehicles.

The temporary bridge will allow construction equipment and materials for the permanent bridge to move safely across the river and reduce the need to transport materials through Rockhampton.

A partial river-width exclusion zone was established in April 2026 to ensure the safe installation of the temporary bridge. This exclusion zone provides a 50-metre navigation channel to maintain public access. As construction progresses, the exclusion zone will expand to cover the full width of the river from 13 July 2026 and will remain in place until mid-2028.

Access to the river between the Fitzroy River Barrage and the exclusion zone, approximately 4.5 kilometres upstream, remains unaffected. River access upstream of the exclusion zone is available at the Rockhampton Water Ski Club at Laurel Bank.

Map of exclusion zone



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-  Exclusion zone
-  Yellow buoys
-  Rockhampton Ring Road alignment
-  Temporary bridge construction

For bridge construction and exclusion zone enquiries, contact BMD Bielby Joint Venture on 1800 772 272 (8am - 5pm Monday to Friday) or email rrr-north@rockyjv.com.au

Temporary bridge facts



270 metres
wide



40 pilings
and 20 piers



250t and
400t cranes



175t
piling rig



What to expect in mid-2026

Bridge piling underway (6am - 6pm Monday to Saturday):

- Capricorn Highway connector until mid-June
- Ridgeland Road overpass until August
- Pink Lily Lagoon bridge until August
- Floodplain bridge (Nelson and Dunganweate Lagoons) from August to December

Temporary traffic impacts:

- Capricorn Highway night works until August
- Ridgeland Road during June
- New Boundary Road ongoing
- McLaughlin Street ongoing
- Alexandra Street as required

Girder movements:

Girder deliveries are scheduled to begin early to mid-July 2026. Each girder measures 34 metres in length, 1.85 metres in height, and weighs 86 tonnes. To minimise disruption to traffic, they will be delivered at night, under escort, between 9pm and 5am from Sunday to Thursday. For more information about girder movements, refer to the bridge construction fact sheet on the project website.

Stay up to date

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