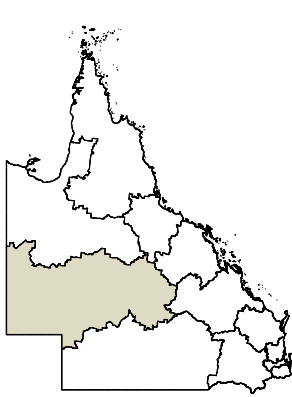








Central West Road Facts

2010-11



Legend

-  National road network
-  State strategic road network
-  State regional and other district road
-  National rail network
-  Other railway
-  Local government boundary



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Oak Street, Barcaldine

Area profile

- Area:** 396 697km², extending south of Tambo and south of Birdsville, to north of Boulia, just outside Mt. Isa.
- Population:** Around 12 367.
- Industries:** Tourism, freight, cattle, sheep, mining.

Connecting Central West

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 Central West Region of Queensland, now and in the future. The department's Barcaldine Office is the main point 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 Central West Region are funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government. In the current roads program, the Queensland Government is investing \$54 078 000 in the region during 2010-11 (including \$5 882 000 in Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme projects), and the Australian Government is contributing \$5 613 000*. Developers also contribute to the roads program.

* Includes \$4 668 000 Queensland Government contributions to National Network projects.



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Road network

- Landsborough Highway (Augathella - Kynuna)
- Capricorn Highway (Emerald - Barcaldine)
- Birdsville Developmental Road (Mornay - Birdsville)
- Eyre Developmental Road (Bedourie - Border)
- Dawson Developmental Road (Springsure - Tambo)
- Diamantina Developmental Road (Quilpie - Mt Isa)
- Thomson Developmental Road (Windorah - Longreach)
- Kennedy Developmental Road (Hughenden - Boulia)
- Blackall-Jericho Road
- Alpha-Tambo Road
- Clermont-Alpha Road
- Muttaborra-Aramac Road
- Barcaldine-Aramac Road
- Isisford-Ilfracombe Road
- Isisford-Blackall Road
- Jundah-Quilpie Road
- Hughenden-Muttaborra Road
- Aramac-Torrens Creek Road
- Cramsie-Muttaborra Road
- Ilfracombe-Aramac Road
- Richmond-Winton Road
- Blackall-Adavale Road
- Isisford-Emmet Road

Central West road activities

Significant achievements in 2009-10

Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Paved and sealed 43km on Birdsville and Diamantina Developmental Roads in the Barcoo and Diamantina Shires, with a combined contribution from Diamantina and Barcoo Shire Councils.
- With Blackspot funding, provided a sealed surface on Birdsville Developmental Road between Morney and Birdsville.

Safe transport system promoting health and well-being

- Completed new rest area facilities on Diamantina and Kennedy Developmental Roads under the Safer Roads Sooner program.

Cost-effective transport system delivery

- Upgrading the intersection of Muttaborra-Aramac Road and Aramac-Torrens Creek Road.
- Upgrading several narrow floodways on Muttaborra-Aramac Road.

A transport system providing access to employment, education and services

- Pave and seal 28km of Blackall-Jericho Road.

Transport system leadership

- Implemented the department's 131940 website to manage road closures and provide information to road users.

Contemporary and progressive people, processes and systems

- Continued to improve systems to coordinate fire management activities within the road reserve and assess alternative methods.



Bridge inspection of the Barcoo River Bridge



Inspecting the Swanvale Jump on Thomson Developmental Road

Key deliverables in 2010-11 and 2011-12

Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Pave and seal 17km of Diamantina Developmental Road in the Boulia Shire.
- Construct a new bridge and approaches at Cornish Creek on Aramac-Torrens Creek Road.
- Commence construction of a new bridge and approaches at Native Companion Creek on Clermont-Alpha Road.

Safe transport system promoting health and well-being

- Improve systems to coordinate fire management activities within the road reserve and assess alternative methods. This will improve conservation values and achieve fire safety objectives.

Cost-effective transport system delivery

- Pave and seal 33km of Blackall-Jericho Road.

A transport system providing access to employment, education and services

- Develop pest management plans, in conjunction with local pest management groups and local government to control pests in the road reserve.

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

- Continued to negotiate cultural heritage management plans with native title groups and other interested parties to ensure that construction projects in sensitive areas reasonably preserve cultural heritage.

Major challenges for Central West

- Supporting regional development, industry competitiveness and growth by upgrading key freight and passenger routes.
- Achieving affordable and short-term improvements in safety by carefully targeting investment in widening the single-lane sealed network.
- Contributing to an improved quality of life for remote and rural communities through projects that improve travelling conditions, access and Indigenous training, employment and development.
- Protecting environmental biodiversity and sensitivity with sustainable planning and construction planning and practices.
- 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 or contact a local Transport and Main Roads office.

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