

Wide Bay/Burnett Road Facts

2010-11



Area profile

- Area:** 52 320km², extending from Eidsvold in the west to Bundaberg and Gympie in the east, and from Monto in the north to Kingaroy in the south.
- Population:** Around 287 425.
- Industries:** Sugar, livestock, agriculture, manufacturing, fishing, tourism, freight.

Connecting Wide Bay/Burnett

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 Wide Bay/Burnett Region of Queensland, now and in the future. The department's Bundaberg Office and Gympie 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 Wide Bay/Burnett Region are funded by the Queensland Government and the Federal Government. In the current roads program, the Queensland Government is investing over \$115 million in the region (including over \$5 million in Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme projects), and the Federal Government is contributing around \$381 million. Developers also contribute to the roads program.



Bruce Highway, north of Gympie

Road network

- Bruce Highway (Gympie - Benaraby)
- Isis Highway (Bundaberg - Coalstoun Lakes)
- Burnett Highway (Nanango - Biloela)
- Wide Bay Highway (Gympie - Goomeri)
- Bunya Highway (Kingaroy - Goomeri)
- Pialba-Burrum Heads Road
- Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road
- Torbanlea-Pialba Road
- Maryborough-Cooloola Road
- Goodwood Road
- Elliott Heads Road
- Bundaberg-Bargara Road
- Bundaberg-Port Road
- Bundaberg-Gin Gin Road
- Bundaberg-Lowmead Road
- Mundubbera-Durong Road
- Murgon-Gayndah Road
- Eidsvold-Theodore Road
- Gladstone-Monto Road
- Gin Gin-Mount Perry Road
- Gayndah-Mount Perry Road
- Monto-Mount Perry Road
- Booyal-Dallarnil Road
- Maryborough-Biggenden Road
- Boompa Road
- Kilkivan-Tansey Road
- Brooweena-Woolooga Road
- Bauple-Woolooga Road
- Kilcoy-Murgon Road
- Burrum Heads Road
- Booral Road
- Monduran Dam Road
- The Cedar Road
- Innes Park Road
- Burnett Heads Road
- Moore Park Road
- Wuruma Dam Road
- Kalpowar Road
- Gooroolba-Biggenden Road
- Cania Dam Road
- Gympie-Woolooga Road
- Mungar Road
- Miva Road



Wide Bay/Burnett road activities

Significant achievements in 2009-10

Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Completed the Bundaberg Ring Road project which involved construction of 14.3km of 10m-wide sealed road connecting the Isis Highway to Bargara Road. Funded under the Rural and Regional Road Funding Initiative, the project caters for future traffic growth and improves safety for motorists and heavy vehicle drivers. Times have been reduced for motorists travelling from east to west of the city and congestion has been eased in city streets. An alternative route has been provided for heavy transport vehicles out of the city area.
- Completed the four-lane upgrade of the Bruce Highway through Gympie from Centro Way to Pine Street to help meet ongoing demands of rapid traffic and population growth. Works included upgrading a 3.1km section of the highway and major improvements to seven intersections.
- Improved priority freight routes by widening and smoothing sections of the Burnett, Bunya, D'Aguilar and Wide Bay Highways.
- Completed numerous bridge replacements and approach upgrades to ensure improved freight efficiency. New bridges are located at the Boyne River on Proston-Boondooma Road, Two Mile Creek on Kalpowar Road and Boondooma Creek on Munduberra-Durong Road.
- Completed major works to lower the Bruce Highway under the Normanby overpass south of Gympie to increase safety and decrease the likelihood of oversize trucks hitting the bridge. The works were completed within a tight time frame to lessen impact on local traffic.
- Improved access to regional coastal towns by widening and sealing sections of Tin Can Bay Road.
- Commenced installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Youngman and Markwell Streets on the Bunya Highway to improve safety.
- Delivered Safer Roads Sooner projects to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists. Works included installation of a pedestrian refuge in Bundaberg on Bundaberg-Bargara Road near Cross Street, upgrade of Boat Harbour Drive and Main Street intersection in Hervey Bay and improvements to the Tin Can Bay Road and Rainbow Beach Road intersection.

Centro Way, Gympie



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Safe transport systems promoting health and well-being

- The Bundaberg Ring Road gives pedestrians and cyclists a safe way to travel across the city - a shared path that links to the Bundaberg City Council multi-modal pathway.
- Commenced construction of an 11km section of the Cooroy-Curra upgrade. When complete in 2012, this project will replace the existing two-lane highway between Sankeys Road and Traveston Road with a high-standard, four-lane divided highway.

Cost-effective transport system delivery

- In conjunction with North Coast Region, installed intelligent transport technology on the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and Gympie, as part of a joint initiative by the Queensland and Federal Governments to improve safety and reduce road crashes.



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

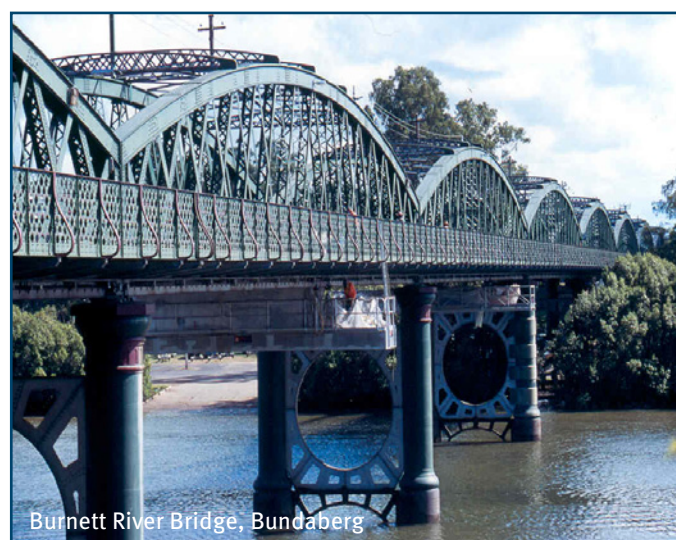
- Ongoing rehabilitation of Bundaberg's historic Kennedy Bridge and Burnett Traffic Bridge has ensured the bridges remain in a safe condition for road users. The Kennedy Bridge is Bundaberg's oldest bridge, constructed in 1899, while the Burnett Traffic Bridge was constructed in 1900. Both bridges are heritage listed.

Transport systems leadership

- Completed the Southern Queensland Accelerated Road Rehabilitation Project bridge replacement program. The projects were delivered by an alliance team consisting of the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Civil Mining and Construction Pty Ltd, Queensland Bridge and Civil, Aurecon, Humes and Wagstaff Piling. The model was designed to more effectively manage the program to plan and build 31 bridges across a wide geographic area, in a short time frame.

Contemporary and progressive people, processes and systems

- Continued to involve local governments, industry, community organisations and the public in defining transport issues and potential solutions.



Key deliverables in 2010-11 and 2011-12

Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Construct a roundabout connecting the Torbanlea-Pialba Road and Booral Road intersections to Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road and 1.5km of four-lane road. This project will improve safety and traffic efficiency on Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road, one of the region's busiest roads, with more than 10 000 vehicles per day.
- Construct overtaking lanes on Bundaberg-Gin Gin Road near Bundaberg between Lerches Road and Woods Road.
- Preserve the road asset by investing funds in strengthening Maryborough-Cooloola Coast Road, Maryborough-Biggenden Road and Gympie-Brooloo Road.

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- Continue to deliver the Regional Bridge Renewal Program with new concrete bridges replacing aged timber bridges, not designed to handle today's freight and heavy traffic volumes. The program includes construction of new bridges at Wide Bay Creek on Bauple-Woolooga Road and Degilbo Creek on Maryborough-Biggenden Road. On Gayndah-Mount Perry Road, both bridges at McCord Creek and Harkness Boundary Creek will be replaced.
- Upgrade Cania Dam Road to improve access for tourists travelling to Cania Gorge National Park.
- Continue to widen the Burnett Highway between Gayndah and Monto.
- Looking at the region's transport infrastructure in its entirety to ensure future projects are the best for the entire region into the future. Concept planning funded for Pialba-Burrum Heads Road/Scrub Hill/Wide Bay Drive and Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road/Urraween Road intersections.

Safe transport systems promoting health and well-being

- Complete construction of 11km of the Cooroy-Curra upgrade, replacing existing two-lane highway between Sankeys Road and Traveston Road with a high-standard, four-lane divided highway, improving safety for all road users.
- Upgrade 3km of Monto-Mount Perry Road at Eagle Heights to improve access to local services.
- Continue to deliver Safer Roads Sooner projects including improved linemarking and delineation on the Burnett Highway between Nanango and Goomeri, and intersection upgrades in Bundaberg.
- Complete 7km of shoulder sealing on the D'Aguilar Highway west of Nanango, as part of the Safer Roads Sooner program, to improve safety for motorists using the highway.



Rainbow Beach

Cost-effective transport system delivery

- Continue upgrade of Eidsvold-Theodore Road, providing access to B-Doubles and reducing freight costs for the rural sector. Works include road widening and strengthening and culvert upgrades.
- Continue upgrade of roads in South Burnett and Gympie Regional Council areas as part of the funding provided from closure of Theebine-Kingaroy branch rail line.

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

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Major challenges for Wide Bay/Burnett

- Supporting economic development by assisting freight movement associated with established industries such as tourism, grain growing, sugar production and pastoral activities.
- Meeting the demands of rapid population growth in coastal areas such as Hervey Bay and Bundaberg.
- Maintaining and managing an ageing road network in rural and fast-growing regional communities.
- Ensuring safe and efficient travel conditions for roads users.
- Continuing to develop our capability to manage and operate the road network through our people, local governments and the private sector.



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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