

Bruce Highway Upgrade

Caboolture-Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163)

Construction notice
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Project update – June 2022

Construction on the Bruce Highway Upgrade – Caboolture-Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163) is progressing after almost 570mm of rainfall in May.

In early May, two new southbound lanes of the highway were opened to traffic between Pumicestone Road and Caboolture-Bribie Island Road.

Following this successful switch, two of the low-lying, flood-prone bridges at King Johns and Lagoon creeks were demolished. These have been replaced with two new three-lane bridges that each sit 2.4 metres higher. The old two-lane bridges at King Johns and Lagoon creeks were in service for more than 50 years. They are the first two of ten new bridges to be constructed on this project.

Motorists will see some significant changes in the coming months as traffic is switched onto new sections of the highway.



New southbound lanes (far right) between Pumicestone and Caboolture-Bribie Island roads

Upcoming activities and milestones

Caboolture-Bribie Island Road to Pumicestone Road

In **early July 2022**, northbound traffic will be temporarily diverted onto the new southbound carriageway. This will allow widening to begin on the northbound lanes between Caboolture-Bribie Island Road and Pumicestone Road. Once upgraded, the northbound carriageway will include three traffic lanes, wider road shoulders, and two new bridges over King Johns and Lagoon creeks. Northbound traffic will remain on the southbound carriageway until early 2023.



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At the northern end of the project, work will continue to focus on constructing the new southbound carriageway and construction of the three new bridges at Beerburum, Un-named and Six Mile creeks.

The following construction activities will be carried out in the coming months, weather permitting.

Bruce Highway southbound

- Completing works to realign the Steve Irwin Way entry ramp, with traffic to shift onto the new ramp in **mid-July**. Construction will then start in highway centre median at this location.
- Completing construction of the three new bridges at Beerburum, Un-named, and Six Mile creeks, and continuing road pavement construction activities between Six Mile Creek and Steve Irwin Way.
- Completing asphaltting and linemarking between Pumicestone Road and Six Mile Creek. Southbound traffic will then be realigned onto this new section of highway in **mid-July**.
- Installing permanent road furniture, such as guardrail and signage, and continuing landscaping and hydro-mulching activities along the eastern side of the highway.
- Removing and relocating temporary road barriers and other traffic controls.

Bruce Highway northbound

- Continuing drainage upgrade works adjacent to the Pumicestone Road entry ramp.
- Commencing vegetation trimming and site clearing works on the western side of the highway at Six Mile Creek and Beerburum Creek and commencing construction of rock-based piling pads in these locations.

Construction of these piling pads will involve the sustainable re-use of rock material salvaged from the southbound bridge construction works.

All works are subject to weather and construction conditions.



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What to expect during construction

Locals may experience some construction impacts including:

- **Traffic control:** Localised traffic changes include reduced speed limits, road shoulder and lane closures, temporary lane re-alignments, changes to traffic flow and short-term disruptions. Traffic control will be in place to direct road users.
- **Increased construction traffic:** Residents can expect increased construction traffic near works.
- **Noise, dust, and vibration:** Audible noise, possible dust, localised vibration, and heavy machinery can be expected. Reversing alarms and flashing lights are a safety requirement and are always used.
- **Temporary lighting:** Generator-powered lighting towers may be used when night works are required.
- **Access changes:** Motorists are advised to follow directional traffic signage as access to and from the Bruce Highway and its feeder roads may change.

For live information about traffic changes, go to www.qld.traffic.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40 or check the QldTraffic app (download for free from the App Store or Google Play).

Working hours

Works are being completed during the day whenever possible. However, due to the nature of the works and the proximity to live traffic, some activities need to be completed at night when traffic volumes are lower.

Working hours are:

- **Day works:** from 6am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday
- **Night works:** from 7pm to 5am, Sunday to Friday.

The project team will continue to keep nearby residents, businesses, motorists, and key stakeholders updated throughout construction.

We thank you for your patience and co-operation while we deliver this significant Bruce Highway upgrade.

Contact us

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For up-to-date project information and to register for project updates, scan the QR code.

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Culturally significant trees find a new home

The first of 24 tree logs identified as culturally significant to Kabi Kabi First Nation Traditional Owners have been installed in Upper Caboolture to provide additional habitat for local animal species.

The felled tree logs were identified as being significant during a cultural heritage survey before the highway upgrade started.

The project came about thanks to the initiative of our key stakeholders from the Kabi Kabi First Nation Traditional Owners Native Title Claim Group who originally came up with the idea to repurpose the logs on public land.

The trees will be installed as either upright habitat locations, as you can see here, or as habitat on the ground surface.



This project will provide lasting benefits, such as:

- providing nesting and sheltering sites for local animals
- contributing to the restoration of the natural environment
- ensuring cultural values surrounding the significant trees are honoured through their re-use as habitat trees/logs.



Transporting the trees to their new location