

HAUGHTON RIVER

Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project Construction update – December 2021



Demolition of the existing Haughton River bridge is now complete. As is demolition of the existing Horseshoe Lagoon and Pink Lily Lagoon bridges. Image courtesy of The Infrastructure Group.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) plans to complete the Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project in late 2021 have been impacted by ongoing wet weather.

Final works are now due to be completed in early 2022, subject to further wet weather events. With the Bureau of Meteorology forecasting La Niña conditions for the region in the coming months, weather could continue to affect the final completion date.

However, during the Christmas closure period the majority of the Bruce Highway at Giru will be reinstated to 100km/hour as works will not occur. Short sections of the highway will remain under reduced speed limits for safety and will be signed accordingly.

Once final works re-commence in 2022, sections of the project site will be temporarily subjected to traffic impacts including speed reductions, lane closures and short stoppages. If you're travelling during this period, remember to slow down and drive to conditions, look out for roadworkers and plan ahead so you get to where you're going safely.

Works completed in late 2021

November

- Continued excavation and removal of old Bruce Highway pavement
- Palm Creek surfacing works complete

December

- Progressed works at Shirbourne Road to allow for Christmas reopening
- Highway asphalt works to allow for majority 100km/hour speed limit over Christmas

Coming up in early 2022

January

Subject to weather:

- Complete Bruce Highway and Sarri Road intersection
- Continue constructing private property accesses

February

Subject to weather:

- Continue revegetation activities throughout the project
- Complete final Shirbourne Road works for permanent reopening

The \$514.3 million Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 basis, with contributions of \$411.4 million and \$102.9 million, respectively.



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Looking back

With the new bridges, overpasses and highway alignment in place, it can be difficult to recall what the Bruce Highway through Giru used to look like. These side by side comparisons of some areas within the project show just how impressive the Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade project safety improvements have been.

Trembath Road intersection



Horseshoe Lagoon bridge (looking north)



Upper Haughton and Hodel Road intersection (from Hodel Road)



Shirbourne Road intersection



Pink Lily Lagoon bridge



Woodstock Giru Road intersection



Local road travel impacts (December 2021 and January 2022)

Over the Christmas closure (23 December 2021 to 3 January 2022), all Bruce Highway intersections with local roads will reopen to travel and all existing detours will be removed.

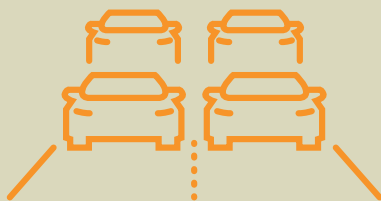
In early 2022, a closure of Shirbourne Road (under the Bruce Highway overpass) will be temporarily reinstated while final works are completed in this area. The temporary closure, which will take effect for a period of about three weeks, will prohibit direct travel along Shirbourne Road. The detour previously in place via Woodstock Giru Road and Garrone Road will be reinstated during this final closure.

TMR will also complete pavement repairs on Woodstock Giru Road between the Bruce Highway and Giru in early 2022, subject to suitable weather conditions. During these works, road users may experience lane closures, single lane traffic arrangements under the direction of traffic controllers and short delays.

The Bruce Highway intersection with Sarri Road will also be finalised in early 2022.

More information on these works, and any impacts to travel, will be circulated in the New Year.

Slow down around roadworks, consider roadworkers, drive to conditions and signed speed limits.



Giru State School sports equipment donation

The Infrastructure Group (TIG) were pleased to donate brand new sports equipment to Giru State School recently.

In total, more than \$2,000 of equipment was donated to the school including a portable netball ring, portable basketball hoop, balls for various sports, a set of netball bibs and a frisbee golf set.

Some of the donated equipment will replace ageing gear and will also provide students the opportunity to try a new sport or game.

Throughout the Houghton River Floodplain Upgrade project a range of support has been provided to the local community.

This includes:

- donating the proceeds of Containers4Change collections onsite
- contributing toward an electronic noticeboard in Giru
- donating to the care of injured wildlife.



Communication and engagement evaluation survey



All project stakeholders should have received an invitation to participate in a survey evaluating TMR and TIG's engagement throughout the project.

The survey results will inform the departments' communication and engagement activities on future road upgrades, and shape how customers are engaged.

Thank you to those who participated in the survey.

Thank you for your patience and collaboration in 2021. The project team extends to you and your family seasonal greetings and look forward to a prosperous New Year.

For those travelling over the Christmas and New Year period, a reminder to drive to conditions and pay attention, particularly through roadwork sites.



And remember, if it's flooded, forget it!

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