



MEDIA RELEASE

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Road improvements underway around Cooktown

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COOKTOWN

Cook Shire Council is improving a section of May Street, between the Ida Street and Charles Street intersections, with work to include replacement of a 600mm box culvert with a 1200m culvert, kerb and channelling and asphalt sealing. The section will be closed to all traffic during the works, with temporary access to properties in the works area, and pedestrian access maintained. Motorists are advised to use Amos and Garden streets as alternative routes to access Charles Street and the Cooktown State School and PCYC Events Centre. The project is expected to be finalised in three weeks. Council would like to thank residents for their patience while the work is underway. The project is anticipated to cost \$400,000 with the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery (R2R) program contributing \$200,000, with the balance by the Queensland Government through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), and Cook Shire Council.

A section of Poison Creek Road, between the Minke Road and Wilton Access Road intersections, is closed while Cook Shire Council undertakes culvert works at No Name Creek. The work started on May 27 and is expected to continue for approximately three weeks. The section will remain closed to all traffic during this time. Access to properties in the works area will be maintained for residents only, although No Name Creek is not be trafficable. Motorists are advised to use Minke Road and Railway Avenue East as alternative routes during the works period.

Cook Shire Council is upgrading a section of Buhmann Street in Cooktown, with works to include replacement of the rusted and damaged pipe under the road with a 1500mm concrete pipe, and bitumen sealing of approximately 320m of road. Gravel is expected to be laid next week, with the project to be completed in three weeks. The project is anticipated to cost \$140,000 with the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery (R2) program contributing \$70,000, with the balance funded by the Queensland Government through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), and Cook Shire Council.

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