

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Current as of: 11:30am - Friday 24th April 2009

ROAD CONDITION REPORT

General Comments:

Floodwaters have now receded throughout the majority of Hinchinbrook Shire road and bridge network. Motorists are asked to exercise extreme caution when travelling on roads in the wake of receding floodwaters and to be on the lookout for potholes and washouts/edge scours.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council Inspectors are undertaking safety assessments of roads and bridges to ensure routes on local road networks can be opened safely.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council understands the importance of restoring access to local communities and is working towards reopening roads as soon as possible, however safety is the first and main priority. Council Inspectors are currently undertaking inspections of roads, culverts, drainage systems, bridges, signage, lighting and guardrails and planning for repairs.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council thanks road users for their ongoing patience and urge all motorists to drive with care for their safety and the safety of maintenance crews on the road.

Please find following roads still affected by flooding or seasonal rainfall:-

Road Name	Status	Comments
STATE-CONTROLLED ROADS		
Bruce Highway	Open	
Ingham to Cardwell	Open	
Ingham to Halifax	Open	
Ingham to Abergowrie	Open	
Forrest Beach Road	Open	
Bruce Highway North - Cairns - Innisfail	Open	Motorists are advised to drive with care. There are potholes in various locations. Maintenance crews are carrying out repairs to potholes.
Bruce Highway South - Ingham - Townsville	Open	
Townsville to Ayr	Open	
Ayr to Bowen	Open	
Mt Spec Road to Paluma	Open	
Flinders Highway - Townsville to Charters Towers	Open	
LOCAL ROADS		
Cooks Lane	Open with caution	Roadworks underway - section between Five Stone Quarry & Garbutts speed resitricted to 80kms/hour
Gairloch Bridge	Open	
Abergowrie Area		
Capras Road	Open with caution	Road soft and rutted
Cantamessas Road	Open with caution	Road soft and rutted
Bambaroo Area		
Miltons Road	Open with caution	Maintenance works required
Nebbias Road	Open with caution	Maintenance crews working in the area
Pattis Road	Open with caution	Open with caution
Bemerside Area		
Old Wharf Road - adjacent to Fascetti's property	Open with caution	
Blackrock Area		
Bosworths Road - at Palm Creek Causeway	Open	
Pinnacle Hill Road	Open	
Warrens Hill Road	Open with caution	Ongoing maintenance works required
Halifax Area		
Musgrave Street	Open with caution	Surface water from recent rainfall
Hawkins Creek Area		
Hawkins Creek Road	Open with caution	Open with caution at detour
Ingham Area		
Cooper Street	Open with caution	Open with caution
Davidson Street	Open	
Eleanor Street Carpark	Closed	
Eleanor Street	Open with caution	Open with caution. Maintenance Crew working in area
Mount Fox Area		
Mount Fox Road	Open with caution	Open to - Vehicles up to 4 tonne Gross Vehicle Mass [GVM]. Should heavier vehicles require travelling on Mt Fox Road, please contact Council's Works Engineer, on phone: 4776 4605, for further advice. Remedial works on the Mt Fox Road land slip have been completed and the range road is to reopen to traffic. Motorists are requested to take note of all warnings and traffic signage as safety barriers have been installed reducing the roadway to one (1) lane through the slip area. Further closure to the road will be expected in the coming months when the permanent works are being undertaken.
Stone River Area		
Baillies Road	Open with caution	Open with caution - Detour signage for heavy vehicles on Baillies Bridge
Newtons Crossing	Open	
Messmate Road	Open	
Seris Road	Open	
Venables Crossing	Open with caution	Loose gravel in places.
Wallaman Falls Area		
Wallaman Falls Road - from foot of range	Open with caution	Remedial works on the Wallaman Falls Road land slip have been completed and the range road is to reopen to traffic as from Friday - 3 rd April 2009. Note: only open to vehicles under 4 tonnes. Anything over 4 tonnes must be approved by Works Engineer or Works Manager. Motorists are requested to take note of all warnings and traffic signage as safety barriers have been installed reducing the roadway to one (1) lane through the slip area. Further closure to the road will be expected in the coming months when the permanent works are being undertaken.