

### Advice for motorists

**Speed limit reductions are signposted in the construction areas.**

Please take note of the displayed limit and remember safety around road works is a two-way street; please slow down and take care.

Motorists and cyclists are advised to be particularly cautious at both the Bruce Highway and Stuart Drive construction sites due to the partial closure of road shoulders.

Pedestrians are asked to use the designated temporary walkways during the construction period.

Any changes to traffic conditions will be advertised in advance in the *Townsville Bulletin*.

Your patience during construction is appreciated.



### Stage one on track

**Construction on the Stuart Bypass Stage 1, section one of the Townsville Port Access Road, is on track for completion by December 2009.**

The Stuart Bypass will be a new two-lane 2.5km road connecting the Flinders Highway to the Bruce Highway and will allow heavy vehicles and industrial traffic to bypass the residential areas of Stuart and Wulguru.

Works are continuing at the Bruce Highway, Burdell Street, Stuart Creek and Stuart Drive.

Pile driving at Brookhouse Street is complete and driving at Stuart Creek is underway.

Once all piles have been driven, work will continue on other construction phases of the overpass.

Construction of the Stuart Drive outbound lane should be complete, weather permitting, by early 2009.

Work will then move to upgrading the existing Stuart Drive to cater for inbound traffic from the west, a service lane for local traffic and a bus turnaround area near Lowe Street. This work should take approximately five months.

Residents and businesses will be given prior notification of changes to traffic conditions as the work gets closer.

#### Footpath and cycle routes

A path/cycle route from Lowe Street to Southwood Road will be completed as part of Stuart Bypass Stage 1.

Construction of a temporary path/cycle route around the sharp bend of Stuart Drive west of McCahill Street has been postponed.

Main Roads is investigating design options to enable construction of a permanent path/cycle route to link McCahill Street to Lowe Street.

# Thinking green

The Stuart Bypass project team is committed to preserving and enhancing the environment, where possible, for the duration of the project while achieving positive environmental outcomes.

Key environmental elements being managed by Main Roads and the project's environment and heritage team include:

- Cultural heritage;
- Erosion and sediment;
- Flora and fauna;
- Weeds;
- Contaminated land;
- Noise and vibration;
- Dust and air quality;
- Water quality (Stuart Creek);
- Waste (hazardous substances);
- Rehabilitation.

The project team has already made a considerable contribution to preserving and improving the surrounding environment by:

- Identifying and recording significant historical artefacts in the area including concrete slab remains from the US Army Koala Ordnance Camp established at the end of

Burdell Street during World War II;

- Removal and ongoing control of declared noxious weeds within the transport corridor and along the banks of Stuart Creek including Chinese Apple, Rubber Vine, Parthenium and Leucaena.
- Removal and recycling of illegally dumped rubbish from the site including old tyres, 44 gallon drums and various pieces of steel, glass and plastic waste.
- The project team is committed to best practice environmental management during construction and welcomes your comments and suggestions.

## Contact details

**Phone:** (07) 4753 4800 7am - 5pm. There is a recorded message outside these hours. Call 0417 218 386 during the Christmas break December 19, 2008 to January 5, 2009.

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Information is also available from the following websites:

[www.mainroads.qld.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au) or [www.ebc.net.au/tpar](http://www.ebc.net.au/tpar).

