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Rate And Water Notices To Be Combined



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Southern Downs Regional Council is taking practical steps to simplify how rate and water consumption notices are issued by consolidating the two notices into one comprehensive notice, effective from the 2024/25 financial year.

Council has historically issued the first half year rate notices in late July and water consumption notices separately in September.

The first of these new, combined notices is scheduled to be issued in mid-September 2024, covering the period from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024. In addition, Council is encouraging ratepayers

to consider going paperless by opting to receive their notices via email, which is a safer, more secure and an environmentally friendly option.

Mayor Melissa Hamilton said that Council offered a number of different payment methods to accommodate different financial positions.

"Paying your rates by advance instalments can be a convenient way to manage your finances and ensure that you stay on top of all your obligations," Mayor Hamilton said.

"Ratepayers can pay a set amount at regular intervals, such as monthly or quarterly, rather than paying the full amount in one lump sum, and by doing so, spread the cost over the year, making it easier to budget.

"For those who might be struggling to meet your rate payments, please contact Council to negotiate a confidential payment plan."

Scam Awareness Session

Here is your chance to learn useful tips on how best to avoid being scammed.

On Thursday 29 August from 10am to 11am nbn is running a Scam Awareness Session at 72 Palmerin Street Warwick.

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when you get scammed and you will receive a take home resource sheet with useful tips, tricks and resources to help keep you safe in the fight against scams.

To register go to www.eventbrite.com.au/e/scam-awareness-week-warwick-tickets-974242564737 or email Liam Boundy at liamboundy@nbnc.com.au.

Operation Blot: Fraud Offences, Warwick

A 26-year-old Warwick man has been charged with numerous fraud offences after police shut down what they allege is a "cash for demerit points" scheme involving hundreds of falsely nominated tickets.

Police will allege the man advertised on social media that he would take fines and demerit points for people in exchange for money.

Once contacted by a "customer", it is alleged the man would nominate himself as being the driver for the offence and after receiving the ticket, he would then allegedly sign the ticket over to an unsuspecting third party who was the victim of identity theft.

He has been charged with one count of carrying on the business of fraud, attempting to pervert the course of justice, and three counts of obtaining identification information.

The man was arrested in Warwick on August 8 has been granted bail to reappear in Warwick Magistrates Court on October 23.

Acting Chief Superintendent Janelle Andrews of the Road Policing Group said the operation, code named Blot, had been run jointly by officers from Road Policing Investigations Unit and

detectives from the Cybercrime Unit.

"Inquiries were commenced after one of the alleged victims of crime contacted police regarding \$20,000 worth of fines he had received," Acting Chief Superintendent Andrews said.

"The subsequent investigation uncovered what is alleged to be an illegal business enterprise, operating for at least three years, involving more than 200 camera-detected offence notices worth approximately \$141,000 in fines and 695 demerit points."

Detective Superintendent Craig McGrath, Commander of the Financial and Cyber Crime Group emphasised police take this offending very seriously and advised any person conducting or participating in these schemes will be detected and prosecuted.

"This individual is alleged to have financially profited from an online criminal enterprise unlawfully assisting drivers to circumvent the licence demerit point process. The fact that attempts to cheat the system utilised online platforms does not mean anyone involved will escape identification or punishment," said Detective Superintendent McGrath.

If It's Flooded - Forget It!



Drivers are reminded of this message and to be aware of upcoming seasonal dangers. Here is evidence of what can occur in flooded creeks.

Shortly after 9pm on Wednesday night 14th August, Police and QFES from both Allora and Warwick Stations were called to attend a potential crash occurring on Kirklands Road, Deuchar.

Upon arrival, it was very quickly determined that a vehicle had indeed driven into the fast-flowing waters of Glengallan Creek that had crossed the floodway; the driver of the small sedan not realising the water was there and across the road until they drove into it.

The vehicle was very quickly

washed off the roadway and ended up against some small trees about 60m further downstream.

Thankfully, the 2 young adults from Dalby were able to extricate themselves from the vehicle prior to Emergency Services arrival, and while taken to Warwick Hospital for examination, were found not to have been injured otherwise.

The vehicle is a write-off and at this stage remains in the creek. It was not insured.

Police and Emergency Service Officers once again ask people to take care and drive to the specific conditions - in this case, a small dirt country road after dark, that was not known to the driver.

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Congratulations Priseis - 2024 Literary Competition



Congratulations must go to Priseis who is a Year 6 student at St Patrick's School. Priseis recently attained second place in the Queensland section of the 2024 Literary Competition. Priseis entered numerous poems in the 5 to 6 Years section. This is an amazing achievement and really shines a positive light on St Patrick's School, and in particular, sends a message to all rural students that success is not just reserved for those who reside in metropolitan areas.

The Literary Competition is jointly sponsored by the Independent Education Union of Australia: Qld & Northern Territory Branch (IEUA-QNT), The English Teachers Association of Queensland, and Penguin Random House. Now in its 65th year, the Literary Competition remains the longest continuing writing competition in Queensland and is open to students and staff in both state and non-government schools.

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The Principal and Teachers at St Patrick's School dressed in hilarious costumes and then asked the kids to guess the book character they represented. A good audience of parents and friends enjoyed the light hearted entertainment

Maranoa's 3G shutdown gets extended again

The Communities across the Maranoa electorate will be given additional time to ensure all of their devices are ready for the changeover to 4G and 5G.

Both major telcos have announced that they were postponing the shutdown of their 3G networks to October 28 this year.

The announcement marks the second time the shutdown date has been delayed after originally being set down for June 30 and then the end of August.

Leader of The Nationals and Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud

said locals should use the additional time to ensure their devices are ready for the changeover to 4G and 5G.

"It's important to remember that this shutdown will not just impact telephone and internet devices, but also everyday items such as telemetry equipment, agricultural equipment, and EFTPOS machines," Mr Littleproud said.

"I urge everyone to ensure their devices are compatible by sending 3 to 3498, which will provide an automated response to let you know if you need to take action.

"Locals can also access the Regional Tech Hub, which provides free, independent advice,

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Allora Salvos Say Thank You



Graeme and Ellen Allen have been the face of the Allora branch of the Salvos, every Saturday morning for several years. Extra jobs like checking out electrical goods or delivering furniture were jobs they did

willingly. Thank you both for the fun you brought to our band of volunteers and best wishes for your retirement.
- From Julie and the gang

Days for Girls Secures New Partnership

Members of Days for Girls - Allora and District are thrilled to share some exciting news!

DfG Australia have secured a fantastic partnership with Good360 to distribute our Kits to those in need across Australia. Good360 receives donated goods and offers them to Australian charities and schools for free through their website.

This collaboration is a perfect match for Days for Girls, especially with the rising cost-of-living crisis and increasing requests for period products.

Our team has committed 25 kits per month to this project with a possible increase depending on the group's capacity whilst not impacting on other projects.

At our gathering in July a further 60 kits were packed. Finally, we received the information regarding the 150 kit commitment to go to PNG. These have now

been despatched.

Heather gave a well-received talk to a group from Pittsworth and Nobby about DfG last week. Many had not heard of DfG and were very interested in the history and the current status of DfG. She was given lots of positive feedback.

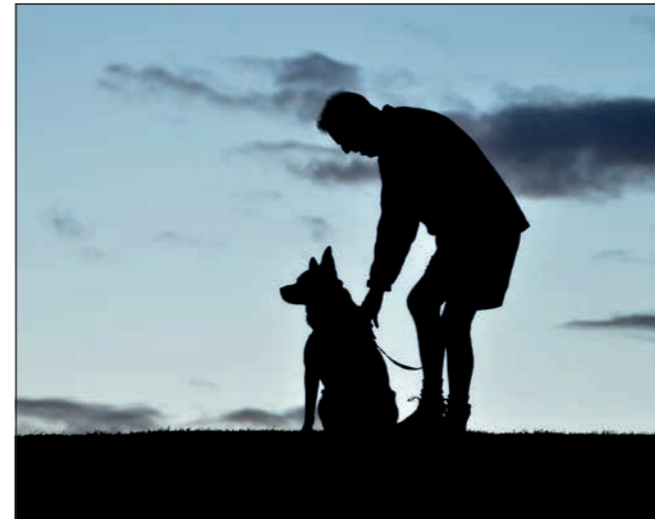
The next gathering will be Monday 26th August at 9am in the Function Room, MacKillop House Allora, next to St Patricks Church entry via McKillop Lane and please park in Warwick Street.

Do consider coming along as there is a variety of jobs to be done by sewers and non-sewers alike. Coffee and tea is provided if you'd like to bring along something for morning tea. We hope to see you then.

- Kaylene Williams

Allora and district Days for Girls Executive team - Heather Goonan Mobile - 0434 907 904, Lenore Wissemann Mobile 0428 973 432, Shirley Cornhill and Kaylene Williams or email: alloraqld@daysforgirls.org

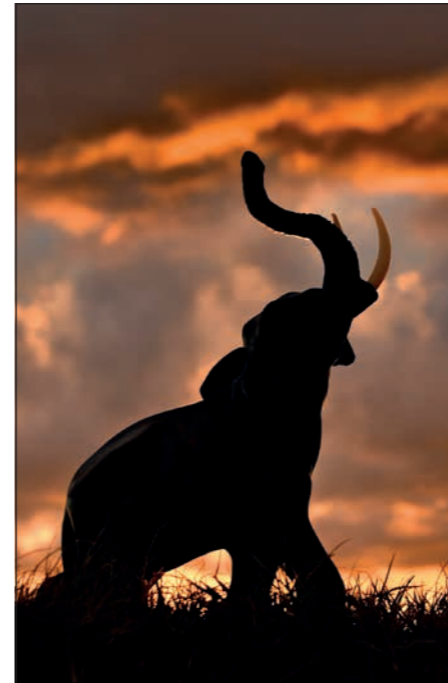
SILHOUETTES - Allora Photography Group's July Topic



Members found the July topic "Silhouettes" harder than expected. The independent judge was Tryg Hellander who awarded "Honour" to two entries, Michelle's "Man and Dog"

and Glenda's "Trumpeting in the Night"

Michelle's candid capture of "Man and Dog" was described by Tryg as "Razor sharp, clean, interesting, unmistakable and pretty much what a silhouette story looks like. This is almost perfect."



Glenda's elephant may not have been real, but the inventiveness and technical expertise of the shot was undeniable. "Top job" said Tryg.

Jan's image "St Marys" was awarded "Merit". Tryg commented: "The graduated light is a massive payoff that trails off perfectly in both colour and

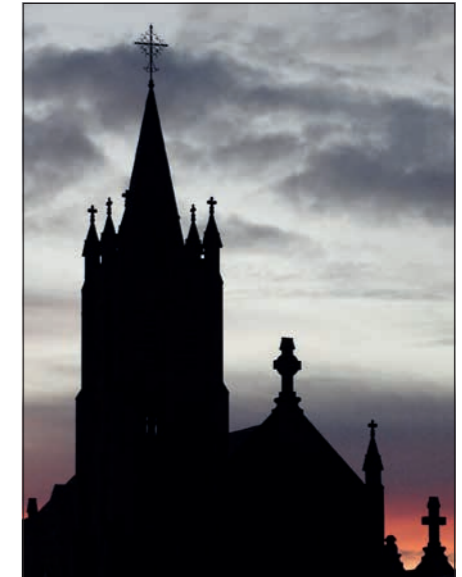


power". Personally, I wonder was Jan trying to tell us something with the light changing from heavenly hues in the sky to fiery crimson and orange, hinting at an entirely different place.

With "Windmill", Victor included a large area of negative space on the left of the image to balance the intense deep blackness of

the blades and frame of the mill. His work earned him a "Highly Commended".

The next judging night will be at 7 o'clock Wednesday September 11 at St Andrew's Community Centre 33 Forde St (Cnr Warwick St.) Allora. Toowoomba Photographic Society President, Graham Harris will judge two topics, "Fruit and Vegetables" which closed on August 2, and



"Landmark" which closes on August 30. Landmark will be an interesting challenge. The Group is required to submit one photograph of each of the Boer War Memorial and Tiddilik in Warwick.

Visitors are welcome to these nights - Contact Michael: 0427 521 159 or alloraphotographygroup4362@gmail.com



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Great Ekka Results For Milton Park Suffolks

Local Suffolk breeders John Milton and Ann Hall came home to Hendon with some well deserved ribbons.

At this years Ekka Milton Park won the Champions of Champions Breeders Group with their Suffolks (on the right).

The White Suffolks (on the left) won the Supreme Breeders at the Royal Brisbane Show which allowed them to participate at the Ekka. These White Suffolks were awarded the Reserve Champion of Champions.

To qualify for the Ekka, Suffolk Supreme Breeders need to have won at the local shows from around our region.



Success for NIOA Santa Gertrudis at Ekka



eight-strong draft included Reserve Champion Bull (8 months and under 12 months) for NIOA VIP V70 (AI) (P), the son of former Australian breed record-holder Riverina Roland Sanchez, second for NIOA Special Effects S03 (P) in the hotly contested Senior Cow class and second for the Tookey Creek-sired NIOA Utah U11 (P) in the Senior Bull (under 24 months).

The two studs NIOA and RL Pastoral walked away with 20 ribbons between them at the Ekka's Beef Week, which is widely revered as the biggest stud cattle exhibition in the Southern Hemisphere.

It was a show to remember for RL Pastoral Co.'s Rob Sinnamon who has been exhibiting santas at the Ekka under the Riverina prefix since 1976.

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Bull - 16 months and under 18 months
K5X UMPIRE U7 - First
K5X UNIQUE U5 - Second

Bull - 18 months and under 20 months
K5X THUMP T126 - Second

JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL
K5X UMPIRE U7 - First

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL
K5X UPTURN U9 - First

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K5X BARDOT R66 - Second

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K5X DESIGN S7 - First

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER
K5X BARDOT R66 - First

GRAND CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER
K5X DESIGN S7 - First

SENIOR BULL - Bull - 20 months and under 22 months
K5X TALISMAN T109 - First
K5X TYCOON T168 - Second

Bull - 22 months and under 24 months
K5X THINK BIG T67 - First
K5X TURBO T60 - Third

Bull - 24 months and under 27 months
K5X TRICKY BUSINESS T133 - First

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Wattles Under 18 Ladies Blitz Collegians



Coach Bill Gorrige couldn't be happier and prouder as he witnessed an amazing match display by 'The Club Hotel - Clifton' Wattles Under 18 girls' squad, "they played a smashing game defeating Collegians in Warwick territory."

Wattles supporters were certainly in numbers in what was a big crowd, and lapped up the excitement as the girls in green and gold overwhelmed all over the park on their way to a sensational 46 - 10 success after leading 32 - 6 at half time.

Regan McMillian crossed for the initial try after just five minutes, and continued to lead the way throughout.

Coach Gorrige thanked and showered praise on all his team members, "all the girls played their hearts out, with Jess Bateman named Player of the Match.

Regan McMillian and Eliza Morcom shone within a team of outstanding performances.

Under 15 Girls Spectacular Draw - Wattles 'All In Electrical' Under 15 league tag girls impressed immensely in what Coach George Berry rated "their most exciting game of the season."

Although the final result was an 18 - 18 draw, it was the first time Wattles have matched it for a game entirety with one of the better sides in the premiership competition.

In the fast paced first half nothing separated the two teams until a brilliant try by Collegians on the stroke of halftime saw the score climb to 12 - 6 to the home side.

Wattles lifted in the new half, and so did the intensity of the game.

A converted try each from both teams kept the contest even before a miracle by Wattles saw them score beside the posts just eight seconds prior to full time.

With the successful conversion, the scoreboard was locked at the final tally of 18 all.

"The effort and skill level from this very young team increases every week" said Coach Berry, "and the fine result Collegians allow the girls much needed confidence going into the finals."

Wattles try scorers included Mia Berry (2) & Tori Sweet, while Zoey Sweet converted all three tries.

Massive Day of Junior League - It was a massive exhibition of junior rugby league at St Marks Sports Fields in Warwick on Saturday with the Collegians Dragons hosting the Wattles Warriors, the day doubling as a charity fundraiser hosted by Collegians supporting the McGrath Foundation.

Both sides took the field in Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,



Wattles Under 15 League Tag player Zoey Sweet, who has been selected in the Darling Downs 13/14yrs Girls Rugby League team to compete at the state championships in September.

(Image: JD Sporting Photography)

12, 13, 15, 15 girls league ag, 17 boys and 18 girls.

While the season has come to a conclusion for many of the Wattles Juniors teams, the Under 13, 15, 15 girls, 17 & 18 girls now contest the finals in the hunt for end of season honours.

Wattles Engrossed in Finals Fever - Saturday will see the Stanthorpe Gremlins Rugby League Club host the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Semi-Finals at their Sullivan and Crisp Ovals complex as the League's 58th season eases towards completion.

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Rampant Warriors Rack Up 17 Touchdowns



Elusive centre Matt Christensen spent plenty of time behind the tryline at Platz Oval on Sunday running in an amazing five touchdowns in the 'Stillwater Pastoral Company' Wattles Warriors 96 - 12 victory over a short staffed Goondiwindi Boars outfit.

Second top try scorer in the Toowoomba Rugby League A Grade premiership with 22 four pointers, Christensen wasn't alone in gathering touchdowns as Wattles ran in seventeen tries to the Boars two in the dramatically one-sided result.

Sundays A Grade match was preceded by memorial tributes and a minute silence for former club stalwarts and respected community members Dave Achilles, Noel May and Don Brown.

While the near full-strength Warriors started favourites, it was a must win game coming in to the finals, the unexpected overwhelming 'for and against' boost certainly appreciated.

Wattles were without star three-quarter Andy Richardson against the Boars after his call up to the Ipswich Jets Hostplus Cup State League side that defeated the Burleigh Bears 32 - 20 on Saturday.

Coach Travis Burns was pleased with his side's attacking game, "we were good across the park".

"It's great to have secured a home semi-final, and exceptional that our club has all three grades contesting in the finals series."

Along with Christensen, hooker Tom Hatch and winger Joe Willett were among many to shine in the dominant result.

Wattles played a split program for the final fixture Round of 2024, their Under 19 side tumbling to the Southern Suburbs Tigers at Toowoomba's Gold Park on Friday evening, before their Reserve & A Grade teams completed Round 18

victories at Platz Oval on Sunday.

If was fleet of feet finisher Joe Willett who rolled the Wattles juggernaut into action against Goondiwindi in the top-grade clash, outmanoeuvring defenders in the corner to score in the eighth minute.

It was the first of a try hat trick for Willett, with similar achievements shared with team mate's Tom Hatch and second-rower Tyson Stevens.

When five-eight Braydon Paix touched down after following a Willett angled kick to the uprights on the half time hooter, Wattles had nine tries to their credit cruising in at the break with a 50 - 0 advantage.

The Boars made their presence felt just four minutes after the restart when fullback Kyle Hazard nailed his side's first points of the game, but Christensen reignited the Wattles onslaught scoring minutes later for the scoreboard to read 56 - 6 to the home side.

It was the first of an eight try second half gallop by Wattles before Goondiwindi centre Samukie Gaidan secured a touchdown five minutes from full time.

Much credit must go to the Goondiwindi club who answered Wattles two match challenge with a bare eighteen players, never at any stage tossing in the towel.

All three Wattles sides are heading to the TRL finals series that commences this coming Saturday on green & gold home turf at Clifton.

The A Graders have finished the fixture season in fourth place and will meet the Dalby Diehards at Platz Oval on Saturday, with the Warriors fifth place Under 19 finalists fronting up again against fourth place Southern Suburbs.

Wattles third placed Reserve graders will run on against the second placed Valleys Roosters on Sunday at Warwick's Father Ranger Oval.

Wattles 96 (Matt Christensen 5, Thomas Hatch 3, Tyson Stevens 3, Joe Willett 3, Lachlan Watt 2, Braydon Paix tries; Braydon Paix 14 goals).

Goondiwindi 12 (Kyle Hazard, Samukie Gaidan tries; Michael Hazard 2 goals).

Reserve Grade - While the final fixture match of the season, the 'Farm Spray' Warriors 48 - 18 battering of the Goondiwindi Boars was also the final on field TRL fixture appearance together of the Morris brothers Alex, Nick, Joe and Tom.

The four Wattles stalwarts have been shining examples as ambassadors for the game of rugby league and Wattle since their earliest experiences with the Wattles Junior Club.

They have been key to the Warriors top end of the table finish in 2024, and along with team mates are fully focused for a best possible finish in the coming finals series.

Alex and Joe Morris teamed up with fullback Dale McAntee setting the example as the Warriors outgunned the Boars.

Winger Issac Leach displayed his blistering speed to claim four tries before a leg injury struck, while centre Ben Comerford, front-rower Dan Rub and hooker Jack Duggan all registered impressive performances.

Leach inspired a Wattles 32 - 4 half time lead with a second minute runaway try, but the Boars fought back in the second stanza matching the home side with three tries apiece.

Halfback Tom Morris was

on song with his goal kicking pocketing seven from eight attempts, finishing the season with a more than commendable 166 points.

Wattles 48 (Isaac Leach 4, Alex Morris, Tom Philp, Dale McAntee, Jack Duggan tries; Tom Morris 8 goals).

Goondiwindi 18 (Jed Kindf, Jack Pattie, Ronnie Duncan, John Goodfellow tries; Michael Hazard goal).

Friday 16 - 08 - 2024 - Under 19 - The 'Black Toyota-Warwick' Warrior's gallant Under 19 line-up couldn't overcome the challenge of fellow top five outfit Southern Suburbs losing 24 - 6 after trailing 12 - 0 at the break.

The teams took the field with a win each earlier in the season, and given there four and five finish on the ladder, they will go in to battle again this Saturday in the knock-out semi-final.

Green and gold halves Hamish Gartery and Sam Gilmore along with winger Jack Wright were among those to step up to the plate with impressive showings.

Southern Suburbs 24 (Patrick Sanderson, Brodie Hick, Ronan Delaney, Kuwanon Dickman tries; Patrick Sanderson 4 goals).

Wattles 6 (Sam Gilmore try; Koby De Luca goal).

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the pin: Duke. Long putt: Duke
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 Pin shots: 4th: Kurtzy, 7th: Russell Sparksman, 16th: Russell Sparksman.

Approaches: 5th: Aaron Simpson.

Long putts: 8th: Brooke Gilmore, 17th: Russell Sparksman

Coming up: Sunday 25 August - Allora Butchery 2-person Ambrose.

Friday's Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Sam McLary - 22 points, 2nd: Kerry Haines - 20 points.
 Approach shot: Whit. Nearest

Cunninghams Gap Reconstruction Project



Work is continuing on the Cunninghams Gap Reconstruction Project to restore the bushfire-damaged section of the Cunningham Highway at Cunninghams Gap.

The crest of the range has been a hive of activity and works are continuing to reduce the steep grade of the road at Cunninghams Gap. This includes reconstructing the central section of pavement at the crest which requires excavation to lower the pavement by 1.5 metres. When completed, heavy vehicles travelling up the range are expected to experience an easier ascent at the final bend of the highway at Cunninghams Gap.

From 6pm on Friday 6 September 2024 until 5am on Tuesday 10 September 2024, all traffic will be under a single lane

through Cunninghams Gap on the Cunningham Highway. A reduced speed limit of 40km/hr will be in place for the safety of road users and work crews. Road users are advised to expect delays and plan ahead with updates to the QLDTraffic website or app.

Oversize-vehicle access will be temporarily closed for construction to occur within the narrow road widths at this section of the Cunningham Highway. Oversize vehicles must check the Conditions of Operations Database and seek an alternative route during this time.

Information will continue to be provided to the community in advance via email, SMS and electronic roadside signage. Priority access through the work zone will be given to emergency vehicles, where possible.

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