

Broome-Cape Leveque Road Upgrade Project



2020 will mark the end of driving on the pindan road, the last 90kms of road is planned to be sealed by the end of this year with construction already underway.

Main Roads is being commended by Dampier Peninsula residents for the maintenance of the road over the 'wet'.

Beagle Bay resident Mr Henry Augustine said "The road is a lot better than previous years and hardly felt any affects from the heavy rains. It's really fantastic and it cut travel time. Appreciate it and thanks".

Road closures and necessary road maintenance were managed by Main Roads working together with the Shire of Broome. Gravel sheeting was laid in key areas to improve resilience to rainfall. This

reduced the number of road closures and length of time the road was closed.

Mr John Ockerby, Bardi man living in Broome, supervised the road maintenance crew made-up of local contractors including Roadline, McCorry Brown, and Lombadina Aboriginal Corporation. Local Aboriginal communities provided staff for traffic management, updating signage and undertaking road inspections.

The project has used more than a half a million compacted cubic metres of fill material to construct the road embankment.



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Main Roads' project managers and supervisors are managing several road crews simultaneously to prepare for sealing.

Construction started in March, with the shaping and compaction of the new road embankment to prepare it for the construction of gravel pavement, which is also known as the base-course. It is planned to start bitumen sealing from the southern end in May. Other activities planned for completion this year include drainage works culverts, floodway stabilisation and rehabilitation.

2020 will see a lot of activity on-site with roadworks initially commencing from the southern end working north towards Beagle Bay.

Budgarjook track upgraded

The existing Budgarjook track, is currently being upgraded to allow the roads trains and local road users to safely use the road together. Locals are reminded to take care when travelling on this track as heavy vehicles will be active in this area for most of the year.

Public access

Double road trains are now hauling gravel to the project from the stockpile adjacent to the T-intersection at the southern end of the Broome – Cape Leveque Road. From 19 May 20, trucks will be hauling gravel out of Banana Wells gravel pit (north of the project) only.

There is a Truck haulage route in the southern section which is under construction. Public road users are

generally separated from trucks. and there is traffic Management and speed limit signs in place

Motorists may experience dust at times however this will be managed through regular watering.

Deviation and upgrade of Manari Road intersection

Roadwork is already underway for the re-alignment of the Manari Rd intersection, involving a new "T" intersection approximately 300m north from the current turn-off. Traffic management will be in place.



Roadside signage will be installed later this year, including new visitor information boards. Input from key stakeholders has begun.

The project's safety will be managed by Carla Davey and Kim Burns. Together they will ensure workers' safety and maintain the project's Federal Safety Commissioner Accreditation.

Project fostering new business development and employment opportunities for locals

After two years of providing labourers for traffic management, Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation, has established its own traffic management services company.

The company can compete for traffic management services in the Kimberley.

Mr Joe Grande, CEO said "we started our business to create employment outcomes for our participants. A number of them have been able to transition from the 'work for the dole' program into employment, including traineeships. Continuity of work is vital to our success".



L-R: Joel Grande, D Paddy and Winston Pindan



L-R: Tim Ramsey and Mark Williams

The Australian and WA governments have committed a total of \$65.66 million for upgrades on this 90 kilometre section of road, with the Australian Government committing \$52.53 million and WA committing \$13.13 million.

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