

Mount Morgan Range closer to reopening

The reconstruction of the Mount Morgan Range has proved far from smooth travels for the Department of Transport and Main Roads, but after months of round the clock repair works, the mammoth task is almost complete.

The Department announced last week that well over half of the required works have been accomplished, with the road expected to be reopened in just two months.

“Repairs are continuing at the Mount Morgan Range which suffered extensive damage during the 2013 floods,” a Transport and Main Roads spokesperson said last week.

“This included 35 slips of varying severity with 20 on the road and 15 in the cuttings above the road.

“We have completed about 70 per cent of the reconstruction work and remain on track to have the range open to traffic by April, weather permitting.”

Works have included the removal of debris and the completion of a full geotechnical assessment, followed by major reconstruction efforts.

The Department announced that works are now underway at all eight major fill locations following works in December 2013 to establish a strong platform to reconstruct this section of highway.

“Minor range reconstruction works, where significant excavation was not required, are now complete,” the Spokesperson said.

“Planning is also well advanced for road resurfacing and the installation of new guardrails before reopening the Burnett Highway to traffic.

“We are committed to reconstructing the range as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

Official reopening dates will be announced in upcoming issues of the Argus, as works continue to progress.

An official event in celebration of the reopening is also set to be held by Mount Morgan Promotion and Development Incorporated; with further details to follow.

In the interim of the Range’s closure, the Razorback Road remains open to traffic travelling between Mount Morgan and Rockhampton.

Motorists using the Razorback Road are reminded to remain vigilant, drive to the conditions and obey all road signage to ensure their own safety as well as that of other road users and road workers.



Above: works being conducted at the Mount Morgan Range - soil nailing and netting. Photo supplied.



Above: works conducted at the Mount Morgan Range - reinforced earth embankment. Photo supplied.

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