



NOOSA COUNCIL

Project news

21st March 2022

Noosa hinterland bridges replacement program – Wahpunga Lane Bridge, Kin Kin

Project update

The recent severe wet weather event caused widespread damage across Noosa Shire with Kin Kin one of the hardest hit areas. Record rainfall resulted in flooding across the shire with over 390mm falling at the Wahpunga Lane Bridge construction site leading to a flood event of 1.2 to 1.5m above road level.

Damage to the Wahpunga Lane Bridge site

As was the case for many residents and businesses, rain and floodwater have significantly impacted the Wahpunga Lane Bridge construction site. The site was inundated and all contents in the office and adjoining storage container destroyed. With the destruction of all site facilities, no crews can be based on site.

Construction equipment worth millions – both SGQ's and subcontractors' – was also destroyed. While it is anticipated most equipment can be replaced with relative ease, it will be more difficult to replace some of the more specialised equipment, such as piling rigs.



SGQ site including container and vehicle

Impact on project delivery

The flood event has significantly delayed project delivery, which was on track for completion in mid-April. In addition to the damage to contractor assets, work already completed was damaged including pavement, piling pads, and trenches.

At this stage, construction work will recommence when insurance assessors provide advice and replacement equipment can be sourced. Council is working with SGQ to proactively identify solutions to get the job restarted and back on track as soon as possible.

Traffic will continue to be detoured via Gympie-Kin Kin Road and Sister Tree Creek Road until project completion.

Keeping the community informed

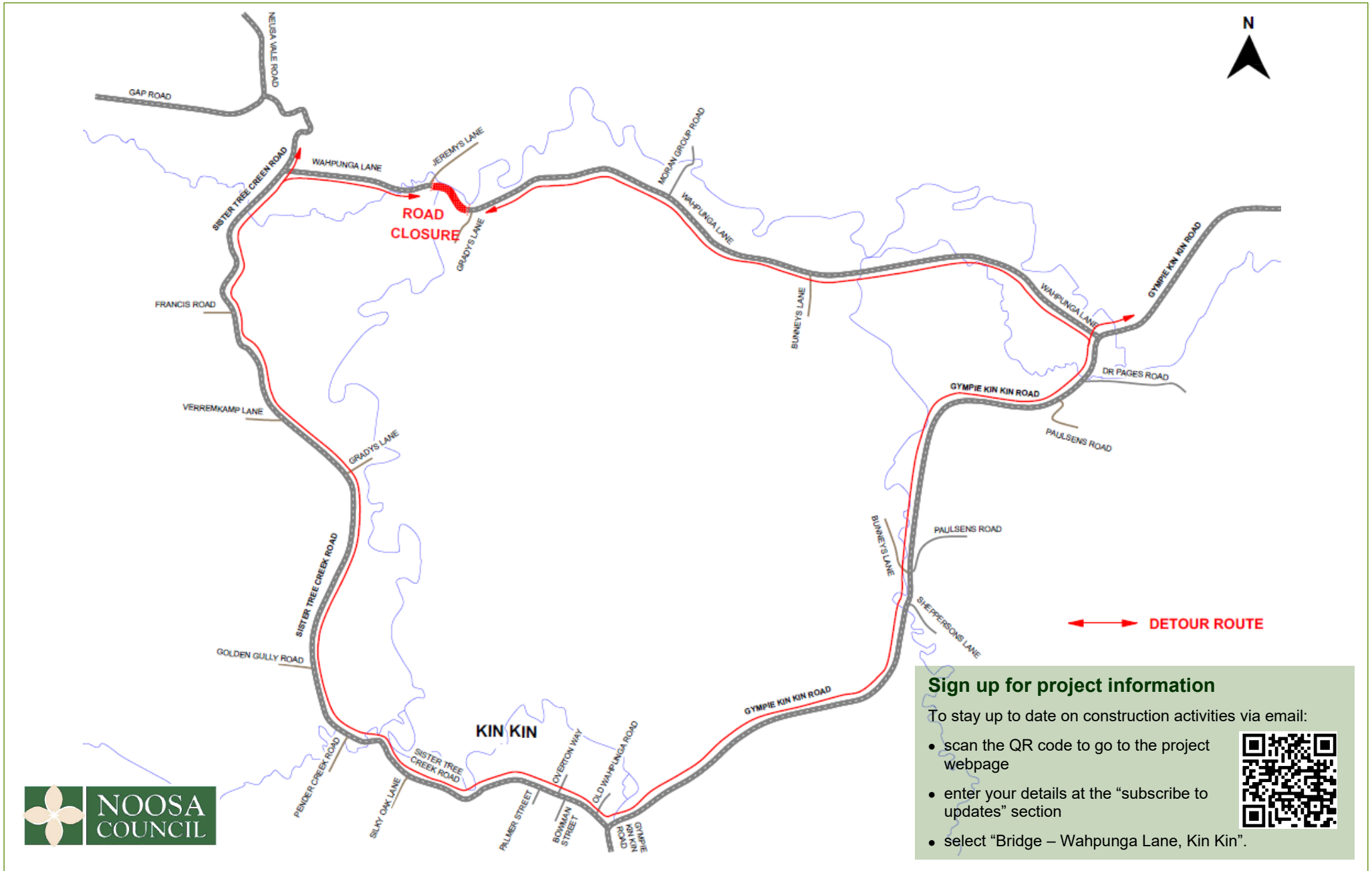
Council acknowledges the impact these delays will have for the community. We are committed to keeping residents and motorists informed and will provide an update about the status of work as soon as this information becomes available.



Damage to construction

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Wahpunga Lane detour route



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