

Media Release

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Culvert replacement taking place along Gorge Road near Lowmead

Gladstone Regional Council has commenced work to replace a deteriorating culvert located along Gorge Road near Lowmead, forming part of Council's 2020/21 capital works program.

This project will provide a safer culvert structure complying with 'amber fishways' design requirements for fish passageways, protecting against future erosion and environmental damage and reducing the frequency of future maintenance.

In preparation for the culvert replacement, a section of road about 3km north on Gorge Road (past the Gorge Road – Baffle Creek Crossing), will be under revised traffic control for the project duration.

A temporary side-track around these works will be in place, with the project set for completion by 30 June 2021.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said nearby residents have been informed of the works but reminded motorists who use Gorge Road to be mindful of the culvert works taking place and to factor in possible traffic delays.

"A temporary, one lane side-track will be established and in use around the works with traffic lights set up at each end of the side-track." Councillor Burnett said.

Cr Burnett said the existing culvert did not offer protection against erosion of the batter or scouring of the waterbed.

"The new culvert structure will comply with design requirements for fish passageways, including wingwall and foundation protection with a rock apron at the inlet and outlet of the culvert," he said.

"The replacement culvert structure will allow rainfall runoff and floodwater to safely drain downstream intersecting through Gorge Road.

"These works are one of many upcoming road improvement projects that Council has committed to deliver within the Gladstone Region."

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