

# North Queensland Regional Roads and Transport Group

◀ View of Townsville CBD, North Queensland

North Queensland RRTG map



**30 projects**

Total 2023–24 transport infrastructure projects



**\$3,374,637**

Total Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) 2023–24 allocation



**\$291,406**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander TIDS 2023–24 allocation

## Regional Roads and Transport Group Member Councils

- Burdekin Shire Council
- Charters Towers Regional Council
- Hinchinbrook Shire Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Townsville City Council
- TMR Northern District

## Regional Roads and Transport Group Members

### Chair

Kylee Petersen, District Director  
TMR Northern District

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### Deputy Chair

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### Technical Coordinator

Gerard Read, GWR Civil Engineering Management





## North Queensland Regional Roads and Transport Group (RRTG) Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) Program Details

The following information lists the RRTG TIDS 2023–24 works program by local government, with the project name and the year-to-date TIDS expenditure.

### Burdekin Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Barratta Road (Upper Haughton), various locations, rehabilitate pavement	\$280,275
Burdekin Be-Active Trail Home Hill (Stage 4), construct shared path	\$80,000
Jones Street and Railway Street Ayr Heavy Vehicle Bypass, reconstruct pavement	\$18,000
Parker Street and Munro Street, rehabilitate pavement and drainage reconstruction	\$109,784
Upper Haughton Road (Giru), pavement reconstruction	\$7,696

### Charters Towers Regional Council

Project name	Expenditure
Dotswood Road (Fanning River) (Stage 1), construct to a sealed standard	\$826,259

### Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Cassia Street (Hinchinbrook), widen pavement and improve safety	\$57,178
Cooks Lane (Ingham), various locations, rehabilitate existing sealed road	\$167,380
Elphinstone Pocket Road (Abergowrie), Broadwater Road to Abergowrie Road, safety improvements	\$13,663
Macrossan Street (Ingham), correct profile	\$100,366
Mill Road (Macknade), widen pavement	\$57,147
Various roads, rehabilitate pavement and reseal	\$59,750
Wallaman Falls Road (Ingham), various locations, widen and seal	\$40,273

### Townsville City Council

Project name	Expenditure
Bayswater Road (Package 2), Hugh Street intersection, rehabilitate pavement	\$103,885
Bayswater Road (Package 3), Mather Street intersection, rehabilitate pavement	\$125,000
Bayswater Road (Package 4), Cardiff Court, rehabilitate pavement	\$54,263
Bayswater Road, Kings Road to Latchford Street, rehabilitate pavement	\$124,500
Bayswater Road, Kings Road to Union Street, rehabilitate pavement	\$69,500
Fulham Road, Angus Avenue to Mill Drive, rehabilitate pavement	\$158,250
John Melton Black Drive and Meenan Street intersection, rehabilitate pavement	\$70,000
King Road, Barryman Street to Woolcock Street, rehabilitate pavement	\$43,600
Meenan Street, Halifax Street to Sutherland Street, construct to a sealed standard	\$172,571



During construction on Dotswood Road, Charters Towers Regional Council

Project name	Expenditure
Melton Terrace, Hamilton Street to Thorpe Street, rehabilitate pavement	\$182,779
Mitchell Street, Gregory Street to Jezzine Barracks, construct to a sealed standard	\$175,000
North Beck Drive, Beck Drive to Hervey Range Road, rehabilitate pavement	\$157,500
Oonoonba Road, Fairfield Waters Drive to Waterside Place, rehabilitate pavement	\$32,850
Perkins Street, Boundary Street to Perkins Street West, reseal parking bays	\$17,569
North Queensland RRTG, capability and development	\$69,600

### Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

Project name	Expenditure
Creek Road, Park Road to Banfield Drive, construct concrete pavement	\$249,495
Esplanade service road (Palm Island), construct concrete pavement	\$101,911





◀ Dotswood Road, Charters Towers Regional Council - widening of road



▲ Dotswood Road, Charters Towers Regional Council - loader during construction

## Project Story

### Charters Towers Regional Council, Dotswood Road, Charters Towers – Widening and sealing

*Submitted by Nick Hall, Manager Operations, Infrastructure Services and Technical Committee representative, Charters Towers Regional Council.*

The recent completion of essential road infrastructure upgrades in Charters Towers is a significant achievement for council, showcasing its dedication to advancing regional development. This collaborative effort was made possible through funding from the Charters Towers Regional Council, Roads and Transport Alliance TIDS, and the Australian Defence Force (ADF), holding strategic importance for both military training operations and economic growth. Nine

kilometres of Dotswood Road was widened and sealed to a width of eight metres in 2023–24.

The upgraded road network enhances access to the ADF training areas, ensuring that military personnel can navigate effectively and conduct exercises without interruption. This collaboration underscores the government’s support for the ADF’s activities, contributing to national defence training while fostering a strong partnership between the military and the local community.

In addition to its military significance, the revitalised infrastructure promises to fuel economic prosperity in North Queensland. By improving transportation links, particularly for agricultural enterprises, the region stands to benefit from increased productivity and efficiency. Grazing businesses will enjoy better access to markets and resources, driving growth and sustainability in the agricultural sector.

Furthermore, the upgraded infrastructure enhances emergency response capabilities, a crucial aspect of community resilience.

***With improved road access, emergency services can swiftly respond to incidents, safeguarding lives, and property. This collaborative effort between government agencies ensures that the region is well-prepared to handle emergencies and support the safety and well-being of its residents.***

The comprehensive nature of the infrastructure works on Dotswood Road, including drainage enhancements, reflects the meticulous planning and execution involved in the project. Through the combined contribution from the council, Roads and Transport Alliance TIDS, and the ADF, the infrastructure has been transformed to meet the evolving needs of the community and military alike with further extension works forthcoming.

In conclusion, the completion of critical road infrastructure works in North Queensland demonstrates the local government’s proactive approach to regional development and military support. This joint-funded initiative not only strengthens the ADF’s training capabilities but also drives economic growth and enhances emergency response readiness. As the upgraded infrastructure becomes integral to the region’s infrastructure, it stands as a testament to the power of collaboration in driving progress and prosperity.

Approximately \$830,000 of TIDS funding has been spent on the project in 2023–24, with additional TIDS funding spent prior.



## Project Story

### Hinchinbrook Shire Council, Wallaman Falls Road Reseal

*Submitted by Georgia Biviano, Cadet Engineer, Hinchinbrook Shire Council.*

Hidden away in the wet tropics of Girringun National Park, west of Ingham lies the highest single drop (268m) waterfall in Australia, Wallaman Falls. Surrounded by World Heritage rainforest, Wallaman Falls is a home to all plants and animals, even cassowaries.

***Due to its uniqueness and scenic view, Wallaman Falls has become a local and tourist hotspot as it provides camping grounds and popular walks to the bottom of the Falls.***

Wallaman Falls Road is approximately 36km long and carries around 100 vehicles daily. Due to its popularity, TIDS funded projects are invariably scheduled almost every year.

In 2023–24, the Hinchinbrook Shire Council identified significant resurfacing works required to a three kilometre section to ensure that the road remained functional and aligned with community expectations.

The width of the road is only 4.5m and has a steep drop next to it which created some difficulties for sealing the road. Workers had to be cautious of this, especially with larger vehicles.

Approximately \$40,000 of TIDS funding was spent on the project in 2023–24. The project was delivered in two stages and benefits include:

- safety enhancement
- reduced maintenance costs.

This project was undertaken in late August 2023, and the road and surface has remained in an optimal and secure condition.



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*Wallaman Falls Road, Hinchinbrook Shire Council - seal during construction*

*Sealing Wallaman Falls Road, Hinchinbrook Shire Council*

