

Walkerston Bypass



The Walkerston Bypass follows Stockroute Road from Mackay Ring Road, deviating south at the western end before joining Peak Downs Highway

Timing

Construction commenced in mid-2021. Completion of the project is expected in late 2023.

Status

The contract for the construction of the project was awarded to **Fulton Hogan**.

The Walkerston Bypass will deliver a new 2-lane rural highway to connect Peak Downs Highway west of Walkerston to the Mackay Ring Road near Paget.

The new Walkerston Bypass will become the designated heavy vehicle route for B-double and other multi-combination vehicles, including A-double road trains, between the Bruce Highway and the Peak Downs Highway.

Benefits

- Improves safety
- Increases capacity
- Improves flood immunity
- Contributes to economy
- Contributes to regional growth
- Improves network efficiency

Key Features

- A new flood-free bridge over Bakers Creek.

- 3 new road overpasses above the local cane railway network.

The Project Will

- re-direct heavy vehicles away from local schools, retail and medical facilities in Walkerston.
- remove heavy vehicle and local traffic interactions through Walkerston.
- be a direct route for heavy vehicles required by Bowen Basin coal producers.
- extend the life of a 74-year-old bridge, adjacent to a school yard.
- reduce congestion through Walkerston.
- integrate with existing works on the Peak Downs Highway–Eton Range Upgrade and Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1)

Funding

Jointly funded by the Australian (80%) and Queensland (20%) governments.

Key Milestones

September 2020: tenders for construction called

Late-2020: detailed design completed

Mid-2021: construction anticipated to commence

Late 2023: construction completed.

The Walkerston Bypass will offer a safer and more efficient link by addressing congestion, safety and connection issues posed by the existing Peak Downs Highway.



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Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said It will follow Stockroute Road before deviating south at the western end and joining the Peak Downs Highway west of Walkerston.

The first 2.6 kilometres of the bypass has already been built as part of the Mackay Ring Road, which opened last week, with the rest of the project set to support another 200 local jobs.

He said they had also locked in a further \$18 million in joint funding for safety upgrades on the Peak Downs Highway. Federal Member for Dawson George Christensen said key features included a new flood-immune bridge over Bakers Creek and three overpasses above the local road and cane railway network.

“Completion is expected by late 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting,” Christensen said. This \$150 million Walkerston Bypass is jointly funded by the Australian Government committing \$120 million and the Queensland Government committing \$30 million.

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The business has a modern fleet of Equipment which can either be wet or dry hired, depending on project requirements. SCH has a large number of resources available which clients can call on at any time 24/7. The business maintains its fleet of equipment to the highest standards to minimise lost time from breakdowns to maximise productivity and utilisation.

Our fully maintained workshop, which is managed by son, Ethan Goode and manned by 5 other fitters, ensures that 24 hr breakdown coverage is always well managed for our clients.

Cranes & Transport go hand in hand, as this omits any delays for clients as SCH is in control of the process from start to finish. Combining Transport services from our own fleet has proven to be a match winner in saving our clients time and money. SCH's philosophy is that 'lifting and shifting' provides a much more valuable and cost-effective service for our clients.

The Company has a diverse range of multi-skilled employees that are able to perform duties in many facets of the business. This gives Sarina Crane Hire the edge to meet all client needs as the one stop shop for projects and other contracts.



The Business prides itself on providing services across a variety of industries in Central Queensland & Bowen Basin Regions including Mining, Construction, Rail, Sugar Mills, Marine and Ports.

Sarina Crane Hire is pleased to be associated with Fulton Hogan in the construction of the Walkerston Bypass Project. SCH has been awarded the subcontract for crange and transport by principal contractor, Fulton Hogan which commenced in July 2022. Scope of works include culvert installation, 2 bridges, 2 overpasses, with on & offsite haulage & crange.



Sarina Crane Hire, now in its 16th year of business, continues to show rapid growth with the addition of larger slew cranes (up to 250t) & also 220t hydraulic LTR1220 Telescopic Boom Crawler Crane & 250t lattice boom crawler crane, enabling a more diverse & cost-effective range of lifting options for our clients.

2023 is shaping up to be a huge year for SCH with expansion to an additional yard at Paget, Mackay & many additions to our fleet including:

- Fuso 8x4 Tilt Tray, Drake Widening Platform 8 Row
- 2 x Mac25 Franna cranes
- 3 x mine-spec light vehicles
- 3t & 6t Clark Forklifts,
- 5t Manitou Rough Terrain Forklift
- Liebherr LTM 1120-4.1 (120t) all terrain slew crane.
- Additional Slew Cranes have been placed on order; 150t Liebherr (LTM 1150-5.3) & 250t Liebherr (LTM 1250-5.1) with expected delivery in March & September 2024. Additional Zoomlion scissor lifts and forklifts are expected for delivery in September, 2023 to further expand the Company's dry hire fleet.

With a highly skilled, safe & efficient workforce, no project is too big or too small for the Team at SCH. The business focus is to minimise risk and deliver quality of service to its clients.



We have demonstrated this on numerous occasions throughout our 16 years the Company has been in business. This has all been driven by the Leadership Team, which includes our Supervisory/Planning team, Administrative and WHS/Training team.

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