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Motorists warned to tread carefully on our roads ▶

Monday morning mayhem for motorists

Sergeant Cary Coolican on Mar 26, 2018 @ 1:38pm



Smithfield roundabout at 7.30am today with traffic banked up from the north

Heavy rains today caused traffic mayhem for residents across the Cairns and Northern Beaches area.

Flooding of Thomatis Creek closed down the Captain Cook Highway this morning for a number of hours, throwing morning peak hour commuters into a spin.

Motorists travelling from Yorkeys Knob, Smithfield and the Northern Beaches into Cairns were diverted via the Cairns Western Arterial Road via Caravonica and Kamerunga until flood waters subsided.



Traffic inbound from north of Smithfield banked up



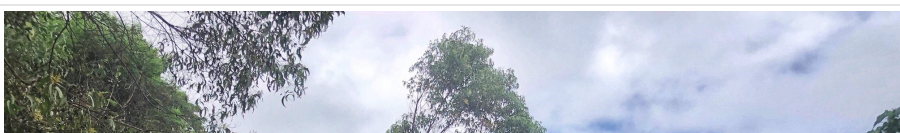
And the queue of cars continue as they are diverted around the Smithfield roundabout and out onto the Cairns Western Arterial Road at Caravonica

We are pleased to say the Captain Cook Highway is now open to all lanes of traffic, however the stretch from Palm Cove to Port Douglas is still receiving some stabilisation works.

As of 12:45pm today, the Captain Cook Highway in the stretch from Wangetti to Oak Beaches is open to one lane of traffic.

Motorists are urged to take extra care on the highway and expect delays whilst works are still underway.

Officer in Charge of Port Douglas Police, Sergeant Damian Meadows explained local police were kept busy today with multiple roads closed and crossings flooded.



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Progress Road, White Rock

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Traditional Chinese Tourist Safety



Far North Tally

19 Cairns stolen cars this month **6** Fatalities year to date

Cairns Vehicles Stolen This Year

195 Total



Port Douglas police stopped in their tracks at a landslide on Murphy Street.
Photo by Port Douglas Police OIC, Sergeant Meadows

"With all this rain we've seen a number of landslides in the area and are warning motorists to take extra care on all local roads", Sergeant Meadows said.

"It's also a good idea to ensure vehicles are not left in low lying areas as we've seen one car damaged after it was parked and secured."



A car parked, locked and secure, but a little worse for wear after it was parked in Spring Creek, which later flooded.
Photo by Sgt Meadows

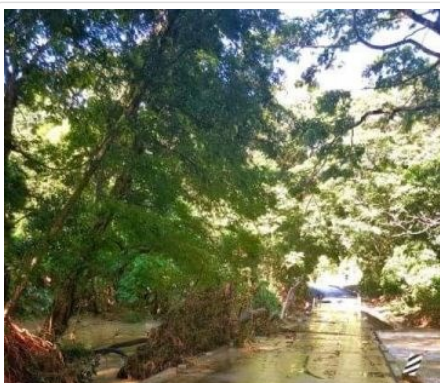
The below photos were also taken by Sergeant Meadows today after significant flooding and road closures in the Port Douglas area.



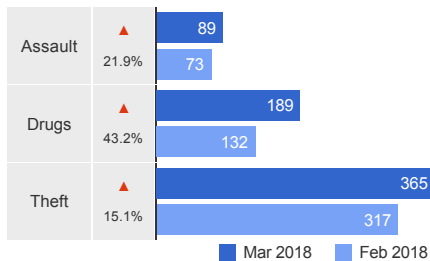
Mud & Debris on Digger Bridge at the Mowbray River



Workmen clearing the road way at Spring Creek Road



Local Crime Statistics



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Area: Cairns

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Neighbourhood Watch Meetings



Neighbourhood Watch

Queensland (Far North Queensland)

Edmonton NHW

16th April 2018 at 6:00pm

Repeats: Monthly on the Third Monday



White Ribbon





Spring Creek Causeway



No through road on Murphy Street, Port Douglas

Whilst we understand the traffic gridlock was not a good way to start the day, we'd like to thank all those who patiently waited and adhered to our warnings.

Motorists are urged to check the Qld Traffic website should they be concerned about any low lying areas, potential flooding and road closures [here](#).

Special thanks also go out to our local Cairns Traffic Management Centre for making things so much easier for us all. Thank you.

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