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SHOWTIME JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER POSITIVITY IS DEFINITELY IN THE AIR

May we begin with another amazing month of May? The last few weeks have seen a showcase of Local Shows throughout the entire district. I think everyone has enjoyed the merriment beginning with the Gympie Show, which by the way was perfect weather.

What a Wonderful time of the year with Autumn in the air and cooler days. I'm sure you'll agree it really is a great relief. We have seen stronger than average enquiry / sales and hopefully the pattern will continue. As always those interested in the area are coming from far and wide, but I must admit that the majority of those eager to buy are still from the Sunshine Coast. It appears that some are readying themselves for semi-retirement and what a great part of the world to make the move to.

CEMENTING A SAFER ROADWAY FOR MOTORISTS AT GUNDIAH

More than 1500 cubic metres of concrete has gone into a new floodway on Netherby Road at Gundiah to provide a safer roadway for motorists in times of severe weather events.

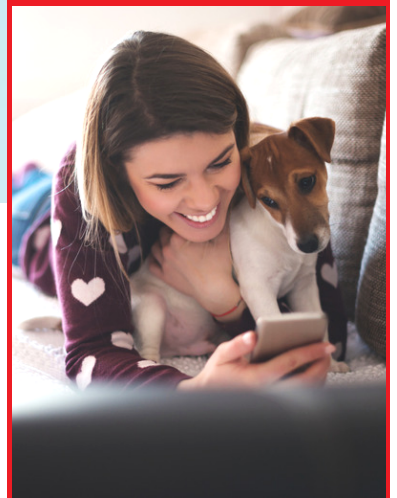
The estimated \$2.73 million project includes the construction of reinforced concrete approaches, including two traffic lanes and two shoulders, at Gutchy Creek Bridge on Netherby Road.

A seven-metre wide reinforced concrete floodway on Dakins Road has also been built.

Fraser Coast Councillor Anne Maddern said the project was made possible thanks to the \$40 million Queensland Betterment Fund established after Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017.

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SICK OF THE PESKY ANTS DESTROYING YOUR LAWN?? USE DIATOMACEOUS EARTH

Diatomaceous earth is a talcum-powder-looking insecticide that's made from [diatoms](#), a group of algae found in several bodies of water. The repellent comes from the fossilized versions of these prehistoric plants.

According to [Gardening Know How](#), it's mineral based so it's got magnesium, sodium, iron, calcium, silicon and other trace minerals. These don't just kills ants and other insects; they make your greens grow better.

To kill ants without killing grass, dust this powder on your lawn. Sprinkle it into ant-infested areas. You can also put it around plants to protect them from ant invaders. Diatomaceous earth works by dehydrating ants to death. It cuts through the ant's waxy layer with its sharp particles, penetrates its body and kills it slowly by absorbing the moisture inside.

Remember to only buy FOOD GRADE diatomaceous earth. The one that's used for pool filters is not something you should use for your yard because they have a completely different chemical makeup.

FIREBREAKS AND FIRE MANAGEMENT LINES

Firebreaks are low-fuel areas that are cleared and maintained to stop or steady a wildfire, or back-burn.

Fire management lines are necessary pathways, roads, fence line clearings or tracks (including existing property tracks) used to access water for firefighting or divide the property for fuel reduction burning or back-burning.

You can undertake the following clearing without getting our approval or notifying us:

- firebreaks - clearing to protect infrastructure (other than fences, roads and tracks) to a maximum width of 20m or 1.5 times the height of the tallest adjacent tree, whichever is the greater
- fire management lines - up to a width of 10m.

For any clearing beyond this scope, check to see whether a self-assessable code applies (Table 1). If none does, then you may apply for a [development approval](#).

Note: No code applies for fire management in Category A areas or on a stock route or road reserve. To use a [code](#), you need to follow its conditions and practices, and notify us before starting to clear.

Well until next month, I wish you, your family and friends good health, love, laughter and happiness.

Kindest regards,

Karen Sleightholm