

# KYOGLE COUNCIL

## Media Release



**Date:** Wednesday 13 December 2017

Christmas has come early to the residents of Gradys Creek with the opening of Davies Bridge and the Gradys Creek Road to all traffic tomorrow (Thursday 14 December) at 4pm -- a day ahead of schedule.

Gradys Creek Road has been closed for extended periods to all through traffic since early January while Kyogle Council has undertaken a program to replace six aging timber bridges on Gradys Creek and Lions Roads.

Local traffic has had to detour via Lynches Creek while the new bridges were built.

With the completion of Davies Bridge, the council has rebuilt four of the six bridges. The other two bridges, Boyles No 1 and McIntoshes, can be replaced without closing the road.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland predicted Gradys Creek residents would be thrilled with the news.

"Most people understand that replacing six bridges is quite an undertaking and that the new bridges will improve safety and access for all motorists, including local residents," she said.

"But it has been a long project and residents will be very pleased that they can go back to using Gradys Creek Road and they will no longer have to take the detour.

"It's also good news for tourism, with local, interstate and international visitors once again being able to travel the Lions Road between the Northern Rivers and South East Queensland."

The new Davies Bridge is a two lane composite concrete construction, which is approximately 33m long and about 6.5 metres wide. It was built by Council's bridge crews and contractors.

Council expects work on the new Boyles No 1 and McIntoshes bridges to be complete by the end of March 2018. Council received a grant through the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program to part fund the six new bridges.

Meanwhile, Council is looking to formally name 10 new bridges that have been recently completed, nearing completion or contracted for replacement. These bridges are currently known by anecdotal names.

Council will advertise the names in coming weeks and is asking for the community's input.

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**Photo:** Kyogle Council will open the new Davies Bridge on Gradys Creek Road to all traffic tomorrow (Thursday 14 December) at 4pm.