

Contract awarded for One Mile Bridge works



MAJOR PROJECT: The damage at the One Mile bridge caused during flooding earlier this year.

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Bridge repairs to begin this month

REPAIRS to the One Mile Bridge will get under way next week after the road, which is used by more than 20,000 cars each day, was damaged in January's floods.

Contractor Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd has been awarded the \$1.94 million contract and will commence work in the week beginning October 14.

Ipswich mayor Paul Pisasale said council had received funding approval from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority under joint Queensland and Australian Government natural disaster arrangements.

He said flood repairs to all local infrastructure damaged in the floods is expected to be completed by mid-2014.

"After the second flood in two

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years it was important we re-examined in meticulous detail the best way forward to reinforce, and if necessary, redesign vulnerable infrastructure to minimise flood damage in the future," Cr Pisasale said.

"As part of these works the southern approach embankment was re-designed so a repeat of the damage sustained in the 2013 flood is much less likely."

City Infrastructure Committee chairperson Cr Cheryl Bromage said the project would involve like-for-like repairs and additional improvements to the original design under the state government's Betterment Fund.

Cr Bromage said parts of the road surface would be reinforced

with a high strength cement stabilised base and high strength asphalt to fortify the bridge approach.

"Additional landscaping and additional concrete verges will be built to protect the bridge approaches," she said.

"All elements have been engineered to lock in with each other with the use of steel reinforcing and stronger foundations."

The old Leichhardt Bridge will be used as a temporary arrangement to carry traffic one-way outbound. The new bridge will become one-way inbound for the durations of works.

Access to Lobb St from One Mile will be available by following detour signs and travelling via Brisbane, Keogh, Warrell and Hooper Sts.

Swim-a-thon attracts more support

THIS year's Swim-a-thon, hosted by the Swim Factory at Woodend, will be bigger than ever with the Swimathon concept now extending to two Ipswich schools.

Ipswich Boys and Girls Grammar Schools have joined forces with the Swim Factory in hosting Swimathons to raise funds for Ipswich Hospice Care.

The Hospice provides 24 hour

palliative care and emotional support for terminally ill people and their families, and relies heavily on fundraising events, such as the Swimathon, to continue offering palliative care services to the community.

The school events will involve students performing 10 laps for a \$10 donation.

The Ipswich Girls' Grammar Swimathon will be held on

October 14, and the Ipswich Boys Grammar event is on October 17.

A special feature of the events will be several guest Olympians providing swimming demonstrations and inspirational talks.

The traditional Swimathon event to be held at the Swim Factory on October 12.

For more details call the Swim Factory on 3812 2923.

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