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### **Borroloola - Rocky Creek Bridge - Construction to Begin**

Roper Gulf Regional Council is proud to announce the contract for the replacement of the Rocky Creek Bridge has been awarded.

This has been a long time coming for the wider Roper Gulf community and Borroloola community members. The current crossing on Robinson Road in Borroloola is aged and on February 2017 Tropical Cyclone Alfred caused significant damage. The style of causeway and its current height means that the Rocky Creek Crossing often floods causing disruption to essential access for the Borroloola Community.

Council has worked closely with the NT Government and the Macarthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust to design a replacement crossing that will minimise the potential for road closures in the future and increase flood immunity.

The new bridge is to be raised to 9.5 metres. The increased height will help reduce the risk of road closures in the Borroloola township during the wet seasons.

The Project is managed by the NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, with works scheduled to commence in September 2020 and expected to be completed by late 2020. A detour around the roadworks will be in place and maximum effort is being applied to reduce disruption to road users.

This is jointly funded project by the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government, Roper Gulf Regional Council and McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust.

Roper Gulf Regional Council is proud to be able to improve infrastructure in the Borroloola Community.

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