

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Historic sandstone finds new home at local hall

Historic sandstone has been relocated by Transport and Main Roads during works to replace a single-lane bridge over Rocky Creek at Murphys Creek Road.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) cultural heritage officer Faye Prideaux said the sandstone kerb and channelling (stone pitching) was found next to the old bridge during pre-construction work for the \$11 million project.

"We were surprised to find the historic sandstone had remained intact throughout several upgrades and repairs," Ms Prideaux said.

"We know the stone kerbing is pretty locally significant - mostly in Toowoomba you see the bluestone kerbing, which is heritage protected.

"So when we first saw the white kerbing like this we thought this could indicate something important.

"We haven't come across anything like this elsewhere in the region. It's a part of TMR's history.

"The local community expressed support to conserve it, so we relocated it to the Postmans Ridge Pioneer Memorial Hall down the road."

Advance Archaeology company director Sher Mitchell, who helped excavate the artefacts, said the sandstone kerb and channelling was part of the original Rocky Creek Bridge built by TMR in 1928.

"The sandstone was arranged to help minimise erosion and direct water from Murphy's Creek Road into Rocky Creek," Ms Mitchell said.

"Advanced Archaeology arranged the sandstone to reflect the original shape of the kerb and channelling."

Postmans Ridge Pioneer Memorial Hall president Michelle McKenzie said the group was delighted to be able to help conserve a piece of local history.

The bridge replacement works started in October this year and are expected to be completed in August 2022.

For more information, visit <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/murphys-creek-road-rocky-creek-bridge-replace-bridge>.

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