

Roads to Recovery paves Douglas roads

DOUGLAS Shire received \$330,000 as part of the federal governments “roads to recovery” program, which Queensland senator Ian Macdonald explained was used on “local projects (local governments) have nominated for repair or upgrade, ensuring the money is spent where it’s needed most.”

The allocation for Douglas Shire was spent on stretches of road in four places – Cape Tribulation Rd, Buchanan Creek Rd, Miallo-Bamboo Creek Rd and Syndicate Rd.

At 15.65km, each kilometre ended up costing more than \$21,000.

Each road was nominated by the shire as having deteriorated due to water damage, and were resealed thanks to the funding.

Senator Macdonald took a swipe at state government when he announced the nearly \$7 million in funding distributed to councils across north Queensland.

“Roads To Recovery is one of the federal government programs that all councils love. The money goes direct from the Commonwealth to local governments cutting out the middle man, the state governments, who always find a way to skim something off grants to local government that pass through state hands.”