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## > New Senior Management at Queensland Motorways

**Queensland Motorways** has a new senior management team in place following its change of ownership earlier this year.

Queensland Motorways' new Chief Executive Officer Brendan Bourke was appointed in August 2011. Brendan was previously Chief Operating Officer of the Transurban Group and has more than 11 years experience in the toll road industry.

In addition, Matt Dyer has recently been appointed Chief Financial Officer. Matt was previously Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer at Queensland

Airports Limited and has more than 18 years experience in the finance, tax and business advisory industry and is a qualified Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary.

Neville Silvester, who was previously Acting Chief Financial Officer, is now General Manager Development and he will focus on managing government and industry relations, business development and planning.

Chief Executive Officer Brendan Bourke said a new Business Leadership Team was recently established to help Queensland Motorways move forward and continue to manage its strategic priorities.

'We have a renewed commercial focus and the leadership team will be closely examining how Queensland Motorways currently operates and what can be done to shape future improvements,' he said.

'The appointment of this team is a major step forward in the company's

history and I believe it is important for Queensland Motorways to leverage its capability.'

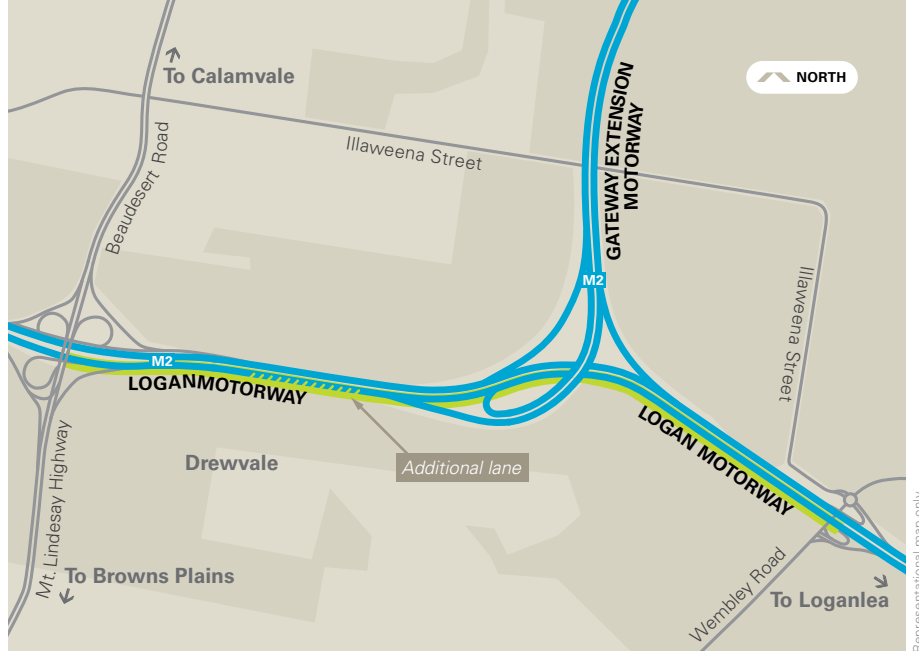
Brendan said the Gateway and Logan motorways were both essential transport corridors in south-east Queensland which provided quick and easy links between suburban roads and national highways.

'It's up to Queensland Motorways to make these motorways work for our new owners, and the travelling public,' he said.

'To do this, we will need to work closely with our key stakeholders and other industry groups to look at our roads as part of the greater south-east Queensland network and integrate them into the broader objective for more effective transportation.'

Brendan said the delivery of the Gateway Upgrade Project had been a significant achievement for the company and it was serving the travelling public well.

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## Upgrade works planned for Logan Motorway

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'All of Queensland Motorways' customers, which include visitors to Queensland, commuters travelling to and from work each day, and the freight industry, are now seeing the benefits delivered as part of the Gateway Upgrade Project and will do for many years to come,' he said.

Prior to the introduction of open road tolling and during construction of the Gateway Upgrade Project, slow journeys along the Gateway Motorway were commonplace during peak times.

Brendan said capacity on the Gateway Motorway had increased significantly and some motorists were experiencing travel time savings of between 10 and 15 minutes to help them get to their destinations sooner.

'We are also embarking on a decade long program of maintenance works along the Gateway and Logan motorways to ensure our customers continue to travel on a safe and reliable road network,' he said.

**Above right:** Stylised map of the Logan Motorway upgrade works.

**This image:** Approach to the Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges.

**Front page:** Terrain waves on the Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges inspired by the curves of the Brisbane River.

The Logan Motorway between Wembley Road and the Mt Lindesay Highway will be upgraded next year as part of a new package of maintenance construction works.

Planning and design of the works are now substantially complete and tenders will be called shortly, with works expected to commence in early 2012. The work will include:

- an additional traffic lane westbound along the Logan Motorway between the Gateway Extension Motorway and the Mt Lindesay Highway
- the upgrade of the westbound on ramp to the Gateway Extension Motorway and off ramp westbound to the Mt Lindesay Highway
- new asphalt pavement will be laid on the westbound lanes of the Logan Motorway between the Mt Lindesay Highway and Wembley Road

Queensland Motorways Chief Executive Officer Brendan Bourke said that during peak times a bottleneck can occur for motorists travelling westbound on the Logan Motorway where these works are to take place.

'Our aim is to improve the situation being experienced by westbound traffic and I believe the additional traffic lane along this section of motorway will help,' he said.

'Similarly, the upgrade works on the westbound on and off ramps will improve merging conditions and facilitate better traffic flow for motorists.'

Construction work will be mostly completed between the hours of 8:00pm and 5:00am Monday to Friday. However, some daytime works on weekends may also be undertaken.

'The safety of motorists and workers is a key focus for Queensland Motorways and reduced speed limits during construction will be in place while work is being carried out,' Brendan said.

Sections of the upgrade will be progressively opened to traffic as they are completed to minimise the impact on motorists and deliver benefits sooner.

The works, including the upgrade of the road surface, will improve road safety and travel times for motorists and reduce daily peak time traffic congestion.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Last month, the Queensland Motorways Board of Directors welcomed two new Directors, John Gardiner and Ed Sandrejko, both of whom have extensive experience in the tolling industry.

John Gardiner was previously Acting Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Motorways for seven months, prior to Brendan Bourke's commencement. Prior to that John was Managing Director at ConnectEast. Ed Sandrejko is Chairman of the Cross City Motorway Group and was previously Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Sydney Roads Group.

Other Board members include Chairman Ross Israel and Directors Leisel Moorhead and Alan Millhouse.



## Enhancing the experience on our motorways

**The Gateway Upgrade Project** is complete and motorists are now enjoying a seamless travel experience on an open road with reduced traffic congestion.

Queensland Motorways CEO Brendan Bourke said the completion of the works was a great example of how Queensland Motorways was making positive changes for motorists.

‘For the first time in five years, motorists are travelling along the Gateway Motorway, free of disruption from roadworks, construction and reduced speed limits,’ he said.

‘The delivery of the Gateway Upgrade Project seven months ahead of schedule has provided an opportunity for commuters to realise the benefits of this project much sooner than originally anticipated.’

The local community living adjacent to the Gateway Motorway has been part of an ongoing stakeholder and community relations engagement process. Queensland Motorways has a proactive approach to managing noise and at the commencement of the project performed a whole of project noise monitoring study to sample noise levels in the neighbouring community.

A final noise study will be completed early next year to measure current levels against the initial results to identify if there have been any significant changes to noise. Once the results have been received and analysed, Queensland Motorways will use this information to proactively manage noise mitigation if it is required.



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The project may have come to an end, but the relationship Queensland Motorways held with major contractor the Leighton Abigroup Joint Venture will continue for many years to come, including an initial 10 year maintenance contract. This contract ensures the road performance standards delivered as part of the Gateway Upgrade Project are maintained.

Brendan said a robust maintenance program was essential to ensure our road infrastructure was kept in tip top condition and our motorways continued to present value for money to our customers.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Queensland Motorways continued its ongoing commitment to the local community by supporting the Brisbane Convoy for Kids again this year.

On Saturday 29 October 2011, a convoy of trucks and utes travelled from Larapinta at the western end of Logan Motorway, along the Logan and Gateway motorways north to the Redcliffe Showgrounds.

Queensland Motorways helped raise awareness for the event by displaying messages of support on its roadside variable message signage on the Gateway and Logan motorways as the convoy took its journey north. A donation of merchandise was also provided for distribution to the children at the event.

The convoy culminated in a day of entertainment and fundraising for local children with cancer and their families. Funds raised went to the Camp Quality and TRUST charities.

**Camp Quality** is the children’s family cancer charity that believes in bringing optimism and happiness to the lives of children and families affected by cancer through fun therapy.

**TRUST** provides aid to truck drivers and their families who are affected in some way from working in the transportation industry. TRUST typically provides ongoing assistance for members and their families during illness or injury.

## BRIDGES CHANGE COLOURS

The Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges had a change of colour in mid October, when the lights were switched from their usual bright blue to a shade of red in support of Haemophilia Awareness Week.

Haemophilia Awareness Week seeks to raise awareness in the wider community about inherited bleeding disorders, including haemophilia.

For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.haemophilia.org.au](http://www.haemophilia.org.au).



Above: The Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges turn red to support charity.

**Inset:** Noise barriers on the Gateway Motorway.

**This image:** Traffic flowing on the upgraded Gateway Motorway.

# Queensland Motorways receives State and National Awards

**Queensland Motorways** has been recognised for its Second Gateway Bridge Community Day event by the Public Relations Institute of Australia.

After winning the State Award for Excellence last month it received a high commendation at the National Public Relations Institute of Australia Golden Target Awards in its Special Event/Observance category.

The Second Gateway Bridge Community Day was held on Sunday 12 May 2010 to commemorate the completion of the bridge. The event was one of Queensland's largest ever single day community gatherings with more than 175,000 people visiting the new bridge.

The event included an official naming ceremony where the twin bridges became known as the Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges—North and South.

In other awards news, our contractor for the Gateway Upgrade Project, the Leighton Abigroup Joint Venture, was recently awarded the Civil Contractors

Federation (CCF) Earth Award for delivery of the Gateway Upgrade Project in the projects over \$75 million category.

The Gateway Upgrade Project has also been selected as one of two Queensland entries to the 2011 Infrastructure Planning and Delivery: Best Practice Case Studies.

The case study was selected by the Council of Australian Government's Infrastructure Working Group and will be included in a report which features major infrastructure projects that exemplify best practice procurement and delivery.

The report encourages governments and industry to learn from each other and adopt best practice strategies for future procurement of major infrastructure to drive best value for money.

All case studies will be published and available for viewing by December 2011.

**Below: The Second Gateway Bridge Community Day event held in 2010.**



Above: Shirley Robertson (right) receiving her award.

## **SHIRLEY ROBERTSON - TELSTRA BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALIST**

Queensland Motorways Chief Operating Officer Shirley Robertson was a finalist in the recent 2011 Victorian Telstra Business Woman of the Year Awards.

Shirley was one of four finalists in the Private and Corporate Sector category.

The Telstra Business Women's Awards has become an integral part of the Australian business calendar, celebrating the achievements of some truly remarkable women.

Being a finalist for a State award in such a prestigious event is a remarkable achievement for Shirley. The nomination encompassed Shirley's career, including her time at ConnectEast, Coles Myer and Origin Energy.

Shirley said being a finalist was a wonderful surprise and a true honour to be recognised as a business woman who inspires others.

'I like to lead by example and provide an environment where my staff have a stake in what the future holds, so they have ownership in what they are striving to achieve,' she said.

'Being involved and coming so far in this award ceremony is a significant personal and professional achievement and something that I hope will encourage my female colleagues to strive for excellence in their careers.'



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