

New \$1.9m road link bridges the past and present just fine

ONE of Eumundi's vital road links is no longer held up by aging wooden supports.

Mayor Mark Jamieson officially opened a new \$1.9 million concrete bridge that has an estimated lifespan of 100 years.

Cr Jamieson said the bridge was almost six metres wider, with two 3.5m traffic lanes, 1.2m road shoulders and a two-metre pedestrian walkway on the eastern side.

"When our old timber bridges reach a point where they can't be maintained in a cost-effective way, it's important we upgrade them to high-quality concrete structures," he said.

"This is major investment for Eumundi to improve a well-used travel route and safety, which I'm sure will be appreciated by the residents and the thousands of visitors to the town."

Division 10 Councillor Greg Rogerson said the council had worked closely with community representatives to include a feature balustrade and nearby shelter.

"The orange feature



WAY FORWARD: Cr Greg Rogerson, Mayor Mark Jamieson and Cr Steve Robinson test Eumundi Range Rd bridge.

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balustrade, designed in consultation with community representatives, are unique to Eumundi and add local character to the bridge," Cr Rogerson said.

"Both the distinct orange colour and the shape of the balustrade represents the scarlett bracket fungi which is found in Eumundi - the way the railings overhand the bridge mimic the way

fungus grows along a fallen tree in the bush.

"Council has also constructed a welcome statement nearby using recycled bridge timbers and a shelter to provide a rest area for people who walk along Eumundi Range Rd."

Division 9 Cr Steve Robinson said the new bridge was part of council's \$183m 2015-16 capital works.