

## **Meeting #4**

Date: 26 April 2024

Venue: Via Teams

Time: Friday 9am

## **Attendees**

Abi Ralph, Cow Bay

Robyn Guedes, Bloomfield

Claudia Brassard, Principal Engineer, Douglas Shire Council

Gaye Scott, Recovery Communications Douglas Shire Council & DMC

Lawrence Mason, Cape Tribulation

## **Apologies:**

Cole Claxton, Brett Grainger, Chris Jones, Jacklyn Kiernan.

## **Minutes:**

As the chair suggested last week, items will be discussed from north to south.

### **China Camp Road**

- Work will commence on China Camp Road 29 April 2024

### **Degarra (see map attached)**

- Clearing works completed for access to properties on Evergreen Road
- Banabilla Road cleared to Idreiss Close
- Drains cleaned out on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road in Degarra

### **Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road**

- TMR is still tracking for 30 June completion of repairs and opening of the road.
- Site 18 – about 3 kilometres north of Emmagen is still unpassable.
- Building platform and base to allow single lane access at this site.
- Map showing location of sites. Gaye will follow up to ascertain if a map can be produced.

### **Sediment Control at Spoil Sites**

- Lawrence reported that sediment runoff was not an issue on his

### **Noah Range**

- A resident reported seeing a large vegetation mass on Noah Range landslip being on the move. From about 17 April, giant spreading cracks have become clearly visible and it was estimated the island of vegetation has slide down up to 10 metres.
- CB provided an update:
  - Additional drone surveys were being conducted
  - Council purchased a radar on 23 April. It will provide live monitoring of the slip face.
  - Allowing two weeks for mobilization and deployment, the equipment will be operating from 9 May.
  - Live monitoring will sound alarms to forewarn of accelerated slope movement before failure. This will allow extended road opening hours.

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- The project team is working through options for removing the mass in a controlled way.
  - Access challenging as the ground is saturated
  - The approach at present is to cut a track from the south to get access to the mass. Discussions are underway with Wet Tropics Management Authority and Cultural Heritage specialists.
  - Council has plans in place for quick removal if mass comes down on its own. Two contractors are on standby as are spoil sites to off load material. This means work to clear the road can commence immediately from both the north and the south to open the road as quickly as possible.

### Noah Dip

- Clearing of pipes at Noah Dip was requested two weeks ago. CB did request the work to be done after last meeting and will follow up.

### Noah Creek Crossing

- Causeway design 90% complete
- Negotiations with land owner underway
- Permit process underway
- The Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) submission is scheduled to be submitted to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority week commencing 29 April 2024. This submission is seeking funds for the causeway and the new bridge. Council has collected evidence, has letters of support and prepared cost estimates.

### Ironbark Road Dip – Just South of Falm Pan Café

- Rough on one side, makes people cross to wrong side. This is not Cyclone related, but if possible to fix while all other works being done, that would be wonderful.

### McKenzie Creek Culvert

- Erosion sediment removal will continue until at least the end of next week – 3 May 2024.

### Alexandra Range

- Vehicles turning left into Tulip Oak Road can be queued behind cars going straight. Traffic Controllers are still not waving these vehicles through, which they can do safely if vehicles travelling north are 10 minutes away.
- Community members requested a description of the scope of works for the first three sites. CB provided this:

Site 1 Batter stabilisation of area affecting 61 m length of road embankment on the downhill side.

- Task 1 - Excavation and soil nails into temporary batter and covering surface with protective shotcrete layer
- Task 2 Concrete base, micropiles and concrete retaining wall construction to reform the road embankment.
- Task 3. Road surfacing, guardrail and erosion matting.

Site 2

- Task 1 Excavation of pavement area in proposed concrete pavement area.
- Task 2 Installation of micropiles.
- Task 3. Concrete pavement construction and guardrail placement.

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### Site 3

- Task 1 Excavation and soil nails into temporary batter and covering surface with protective shotcrete layer
- Task 2 Concrete base, micropiles and concrete retaining wall construction to reform the road embankment.
- Task 3. Road surfacing, guardrail and erosion matting.
- Task 4 Excavation of pavement area in proposed concrete pavement area.
- Task 5 Installation of micropiles.
- Task 6 Concrete pavement construction and guardrail placement.

### Road Verges

- The road verges between the ferry and Cape Tribulation are unkempt. Council has previously advised it was unable to increase the service levels due to lack of budget. Can 2024/2025 budget accommodate increased service levels. [Response likely to be June 2024.](#)

### Daintree Ferry

- Permanent repair for coolant system was completed Friday 26 April. It was scheduled for today 12noon to 2pm – and took 20 minutes longer. Work needed to be done in daylight and AMSA would not allow it to be further delayed given it was a temporary fix, so high risk of failure. [Gaye has flagged with the ferry manager that if there is flexibility in the date/timing of future stoppages, the reference group is set up to provide input that could potentially reduce impacts. Last Friday's stoppage in the middle of the day, meant operators missed out on their weekly delivery of fresh goods which for some, would have meant an extra trip into Mossman to pick up supplies.](#)
- Wednesday May 1 – short delays for the installation of safety signs on the navigational poles.

### Traffic Controller Behaviour

- There was an incident where a traffic controller yelled at a driver. While it may have been another traffic controller, the behaviour was seen and heard by tourists waiting in the queue. Could Council talk to the traffic control company to remind traffic controllers they are in a tourist spot, and their behaviour needs to reflect that.

### Next Meeting

- Thursday 2 May 2024 VIA Teams. 9am to 10am