

Updates

Alexandra Range

- Soil nailing completed on sites 1, 2 and 3.
- Benching and concreting is occurring now. Occasionally, when pouring concrete, traffic is delayed over and above the usual wait times.
- Contractors are still on track to complete repairs at the three sites by the end of August.
- Testing at sites 4, 5 and 6 is underway. Council was unable to find anyone locally to deliver the testing reports before end of September. The search was extended and a rig has been brought up from Mackay to complete the work by early August.
- Progress photographs are over the page.

Noah Range Landslip

- The design of the solution to remove the unstable land mass on Noah Range has been completed.
- Contract documents have been finalised and tender will be released this week.
- The Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) submission has been lodged. The QRA assessment and call for tenders is being done concurrently to expedite progress.

Noah Creek Causeway Closed

- Repairs to the temporary causeway upstream of the bridge are underway.
- Until such time as repairs are completed, the causeway will be closed to vehicles over 16 tonnes.
- Tender documentation and funding submissions for the new bridge and the more robust causeway are underway.



Road Conditions – 26 July 2024

Cape Tribulation Road is open to all vehicles through to just past Cape Trib Beach House.

There are some weight, time and length restrictions.

- Alexandra Range – Open 5am to Midnight. If towing a trailer, caravan or campervan, total length cannot exceed 15.1 metres.
- Rigid vehicles cannot exceed 12.5 metres in length.
- Maximum weight of vehicles is 25 tonnes.
- Noah Creek Bridge has a weight restriction of 16 tonnes.
- Noah Causeway temporarily closed for repairs.
- Noah Range – Open 5am to Midnight.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road is open to 4WD vehicles.

- The road is holding up well with the recent wet weather.
- This includes the stretch of road between Cape Trib Beach House and Emmagen Creek.
- There are no weight or time restrictions, however the road is unsuitable for towing trailers, campervans or caravans. Douglas Shire Council has reinforced the messaging around no caravans or trailers.

Zig Zag Road open to 4WD vehicles. Road is suitable for towing.

China Camp Road open to 4WD vehicles only. There is a 5 tonnes load limit on the concrete section from Ayton.

Ten Mile Road is open to 4WD vehicles only.

CREB Track is closed, there are signs and a gate.

Captain Cook Highway Night works Completed as of 4am 26 July. No more night road closures.

Unsealed Roads Contract

- Douglas Shire Council released two tenders late May, to repair sections of unsealed roads which were damaged.
- One package covered damaged areas of gravel roads south of the Daintree River and the other covered damaged areas of gravel road between the Daintree River and Cape Tribulation.
- The tenders closed 12 June 2024 and Council will award them next week.
- The value of the tenders is \$11.4 million and the repairs will be funded under the Commonwealth and State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Federal Senator's Visit to Cape Trib

Residents north of the Daintree River had the opportunity to share their feedback this week with all three levels of government in the one room.

Attending the community forum was Federal Senator Tony Sheldon, Special Envoy for Disaster Recovery; representatives from the National Emergency Management Agency; Mike Wassing, Deputy State Recovery Coordinator from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Mayor Lisa Scmazzon, Cr Damian Meadow, Cr Michael Rees, and Acting CEO Paul Hoyer from Douglas Shire Council.

The meeting was well attended with residents and business owners from Cape Kimberley, Cow Bay, Diwan, and Cape Tribulation, resulting in a good cross section of people from throughout the Daintree Coast region. It was the Senator's third visit to the Shire since Tropical Cyclone Jasper and the subsequent floods, and his first opportunity to visit Cape Tribulation.

Those who attended provided feedback about what hadn't worked, what did work and the priority areas going forwards. Providing politicians and government officers important lessons to improve response and recovery in future disasters.

A Diwan business owner said it was good to hear from locals about their experiences during and after the disaster and she felt the event helped build community. Another was somewhat sceptical of politicians but did remark on the deliciousness of the home-made Anzac Biscuits.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

A damage assessment to identify permanent repairs required for Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road is still underway. Thus far ten additional landslips have been earmarked for attention.

Captain Cook Hwy Night Works Complete

- Night works between Rex lookout and Turtle Cove, Captain Cook Hwy have been completed as of 4am, 26 July 2024.
- No more night closures, but single lane closures will remain in place in sections.

Roads Up North

Damage assessments have been completed on Banabilla Road and Idriess Close in Degarra, along with China Camp Road, Zig Zag and 10 Mile.

A submission has now been lodged with Queensland Recovery Authority seeking \$5.5 million in funds under Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets program to do the repairs.

Images - Alexandra Range Repairs.



Pig Trapping Team Heading North Of The Daintree River

Council's pest animal controller will be targeting feral pigs north of the Daintree River.

The program targets the protection of environmental, agricultural assets and also assists to reduce the impacts of feral pigs on the natural environment by providing a coordinated trapping service to the community.



Inspector-General of Emergency Management (IGEM)

The IGEM is currently doing a review of the 23/24 Severe Weather Season.

There is a forum planned for Monday 5 August in Mossman at the Mossman Shire Hall in Mill Street, 5pm to 8:30pm. Please RSVP online [2023–24 Severe Weather Season Review | IGEM](#)

Written submissions are also welcome and may be emailed to: Submissions2023-2024@igem.qld.gov.au and are requested by 30 August.

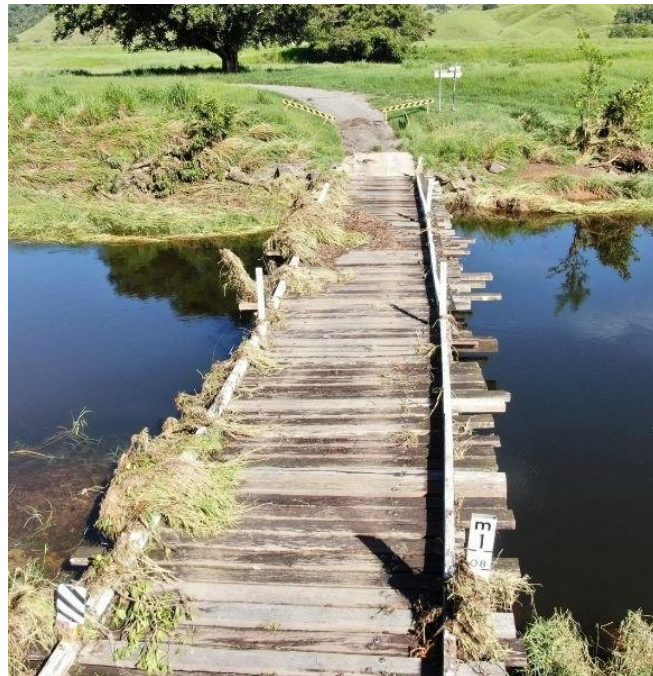
Ordinary Council Meeting

An will be held next week on Tuesday 30 July 2024. [Find The Full Agenda Here](#)

News from Around the Shire

Lees Bridge at the end of Douglas Creek Road was washed away in February 2023. This week Council received advice it had been successful in having funding approved.

Lees Bridge Before



Lees Bridge no Longer!

