

Meeting #13

Date: Thursday 11 July
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 9am

Attendees

- Claudia Brassard
- Stephen Sponberg
- Robyn Guedes
- Gaye Scott
- Jacklyn Kiernan
- Lawrence Mason
- Chris Jones

Apologies

- Abi Ralph
- Andy Hewetson
- Brett Grainger
- Cole Claxton

Road Update – North to South

Claudia Brassard provided an update.

- 30 June was the last day for emergency works under Queensland Recovery Authority (QRA) guidelines.
- Council's focus has now turned to permanent repairs which are funded under Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) program.
- This does not preclude road repairs required to maintain safe access. Any issues arising can be reported to Gaye or emailed to enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au
- There are 10 additional landslips on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road which are being assessed for potential submissions to QRA for repairs under REPA.
- There was some discussion around Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road and the wording on the sign related to the road's suitability for towing trailers, campervans or caravans. Rather than prohibiting all vehicles towing, the wording will remain as not suitable for towing.
- Council will look at installing more signs – Give Way and/or other warning signs, to alert travellers to those sections of the road where more care and lower speed is required.
- There are Call Point signs which were installed for construction traffic. There was some discussion about whether if a channel numbers was included, these could be adapted for general travellers given many 4WD travellers have CB radios.

Noah Range

- The Noah Range landslip repair methodology has been completed.
- Council is presently finalising contract documents and QRA submission – aiming for completion next week.
- Ecologist report completed
- Working with WTMA on approvals
- Council is aiming to release the tender by 19 July 2024
- The release of the tender and QRA's consideration of application can occur concurrently.

Alexandra Range

- Sites 1, 2 & 3 would be completed by the end of August.



Ferry Update

- Ferry services stopped just after 10pm, Wednesday 10 July and had not resumed when Reference Group meeting commenced at 9am.
- The next update was due at 12noon.
- Entrada staff were confident the ferry would be fixed and operational today.
- VMS boards were going up, Entrada have staff on both sides of river informing travellers of the delay.
- Chain broken on main drive chain.
- Post the meeting, ferry services resumed at 1pm.
- There was some discussion around whether it was appropriate for ferry matters to be raised and discussed by this group.

Other Updates

- Tenders for unsealed roads packages will be awarded late July.
- Council has invited local operators and those with plant and equipment to register their interest in being a supplier to Council. This is to enable smaller businesses to partner with some of the larger contractor to complete work. [Work with Douglas Shire \(vendorpanel.com\)](http://www.douglasshire.com.au/vendorpanel)

Next Meeting

- Group agreed to change frequency of meetings to fortnightly. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 25 July 9am.

More pictures of Alexandra Range

