

## Meeting #10

Date: Thursday 13 June 2024  
Venue: Via Teams  
Time: 9am

### Attendees

Andy Hewetson  
Chris Jones  
Claudia Brassard  
Gaye Scott  
Lawrence Mason  
Stephen Sponberg

### Apologies:

Abi Ralph  
Brett Grainger  
Cole Claxton  
Robyn Guedes  
Jackie Kiernan

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## Road Update – North to South

Claudia Brassard provided an update on road repairs.

Dry weather is assisting with progress on **China Camp Road, Zig Zag and Ten Mile Roads**. Council is working with Burungu Aboriginal Corporation for permission to use rocks for repairs to Meg Crossing. The water level has dropped which is assisting with access.

**Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road** will open 22 June, under traffic control. Unless there's a severe weather event, the road will open. DSC will carry out a traffic and safety audit prior to opening.

## Noah Landslip Indicative Timeline

- Approvals WTMA/Cultural Heritage – early July
- Design completion – end of June
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) submission – early July
- REPA approval - August
- Tender out to market – July – August
- Tender Assessment & Award – late August
- Construction – September onwards

Holding Works (July through to the end of works)

- Douglas Shire Council will attend to pot holes and debris removal etc to provide safe access
- Monitoring radar and traffic control with remain in place

## Noah Creek Causeway

A site meeting has been arranged at Noah Creek to resolve safety issues. In the interim, all Roadtek and Council contractors are half filling to ensure they are below the 16 tonne load limit.

## Alexandra Range

The current practical completion date for Site 1 is the end of the first week of July. Site 2 & 3 will be towards the end of July. See images over the page.

Getting contractors to do the relatively small patch of sealing is problematic.



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## Industry Briefing

An industry briefing was held on Tuesday 11 June and attended by over 75 suppliers either in person or online. The presentation covered Douglas Shire Council requirements including:

- **Safety:** prioritising safety of workers, community and visitors
- **Cultural Respect:** Honour and preservation of the cultural heritage of the area, ensuring reconstruction efforts were sensitive to and aligned with cultural heritage plans.
- **Environment:** Commitment to the preservation and protection of the World Heritage landscape, ensuring all reconstruction efforts are minimizing impacts.
- **Local Participation:** maximize opportunities for local suppliers.
- **Collaboration:** Early communication on any community impacts (road closures, noise, loss of water, etc.)
- **Scope Management:** Queensland Recovery Authority approved scopes to be adhered to.
- **Quality:** Ensure all reconstruction works meet quality specifications.

## Arborist Assessment

An inspection of hazardous trees along Cape Tribulation Road, from the Daintree Ferry through to Cape Tribulation has been completed. The inspection done by an arborist identified 41 trees which present a hazard.

Tree pruning and/or removal is scheduled to commence Monday 24 June and expected to take up to three weeks.

**Hydromulching** of exposed upslope faces has commenced. This will support the process of revegetation which will help establish seed germination.

**Descaling of Coral Ferns.** At the last meeting LM queried the descaling of coral ferns in some places. CB confirms the vegetation was removed to improve sight distances following complaints.

## Line Marking

At the last meeting, LM & SS raised concerns about the safety standard of the line marking. SS wanted to clarify that in Cow Bay, just past the intersection of Buchanan Creek Road, there's a long straight stretch, which is punctuated by concealed driveways. SS has experienced looking right before turning left out of his driveway, only to be confronted by a vehicle on the wrong side of the road.

CB confirmed a line marking audit of the length of Cape Tribulation Road will be completed within the 24/25 financial year.

LM requested community input into the line marking. He wanted to ensure the lining marking enabled opportunities for people to pass safely, and not be all double lines.

## Daintree Ferry

- We've had some low tides recently, notably Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 June. To keep the ferry running, Entrada made the decision to allow only one lane of traffic around the low tides on these days to keep the ferry running. Managing weight levels in this way is standard practice in the marine industry.
- Council is planning a sand removal operation later this month. This will avoid any service interruptions in July when there are some very low tides coming up.
- LM said this did not explain why the ferry was sitting low in the water, and the limiting of trucks occurred at times other than low tide.

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## Other

AR who couldn't attend, did send through observations of the traffic control at Tulip Oak Road. Traffic control is not on the corner until 6pm, rather most days staff are gone by 4pm, sometimes 3pm. CB will followup at weekly meeting.

LM said that with the increased traffic, the school bus which picked students up at Turpentine Road at 7am, was not arriving at Mossman High School until after 9am. Is there any way the bus can be prioritized?

## Next Meeting

Next meeting – Thursday 20 June 2024 – 9am