

Date: Thursday 29 May 2025  
Venue: Via Teams  
Time: 10:00am

### Attendees

- Abi Ralph
- Gaye Scott
- Robyn Guedes
- Lawrence Mason
- Jacklyn Kiernan

### Apologies

- Claudia Brassard
- Merran Blockey
- Steve Sponberg

### Road Update

Gaye presented the road update, going from north to south.

### Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

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| ▪ Road Repairs – DURACK CIVIL                  | Start Late 2025                       |
| ▪ Concrete Pavement – NCP Contracting          | Start TBA – pre-start meeting 18 June |
| ▪ Landslips –HEH CIVIL                         | Start mid 2025                        |
| ▪ Bitumen sections - Still sitting with QRA.   | Start 2026 – to be checked            |
| ▪ Banabilla, Evergreen & Idriess -DURACK CIVIL | Start Late 2025                       |

### Noah Range Landslip

- Re-establish on site this week.
- 9 June commence descaling Stage One
- Spider excavator coming from Brisbane
- 16 June commence soil nailing State One.
- Soil nailing crew coming from Brisbane
- 18 June completion of diversion drains
- Soil nailing and diversion drains will provide stability allowing down slope work to occur.



### Noah Creek Bridge

- QRA has confirmed funding for the new bridge and is in the process of determining how the funds will be treated internally.
- As part of this determination, QRA has requested a Level 3 inspection to quantify damage caused by Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

The replacement bridge is unlikely to be constructed in 2025 and the project team is currently considering two options:

1. Build the temporary bypass in 2025 and build the new bridge in 2026; or
2. Defer both until 2026.

The preferred option is expected to be identified by late June, and the decision will be based on which option presents the least risk.

### Alexandra Range

#### Landslips:

- Alex Range – Sites 8a, 9, 10, 11 – completed
- Alex Range – Sites 3b, 4,5,6,7 & 8 – mid July
- Alex Range – Sites 21, 22 & 25 – mid July

### Daintree Discovery Centre

- Papillion has worked out plan and is waiting on a quote from sub-contractor.
- DSC is chasing on regular basis

### McDowell Lane

- Neilly Group has started work on riverbank erosion remediation this week.
- The riverbank will be stabilised by the placement of rock.
- Contractor will use six trucks; each will do 4-6 loads per day - 72 truck movements each day.
- Work to be completed by 9 June 2025. [Machinery will be off site 12 June 2025.](#)



### CREB Track

- Council has tried a few times to inspect CREB Track but has been thwarted by rain.
- Inspection planned for Monday 2 June
- Update will be provided Tuesday 3 June.
- Will take photograph of Bloomfield River for Welcome Sign at top of Zig Zag – [post meeting this did not occur. Gaye will continue to follow up.](#)

## Carried Forward

- Follow up on the issue of traffic controllers at Noah's Range not actively managing the traffic flow.

After the meeting Gaye followed up with HEH who confirmed traffic controllers have been experiencing issues with the new set of traffic lights and were struggling to minimise the wait times between traffic flows when the lights are in “manual mode”. This issue resulted in wait times of up to 3 minutes.

HEH identified the issue, and it was resolved 2 June, reducing the wait time to under 1 minute. The supplier’s technician for the traffic lights was brought on site 4 June in an effort to reduce the delay time further to under 30 seconds.

When traffic controllers are not in attendance (6:00pm to 6:00am), the traffic lights will be in “auto mode” with delay times of up to 4 minutes.

- Following a machine working at AR1, water is now running directly into the Discovery Centre and under a walkway, which will eventually undermine infrastructure. Still awaiting quote from Papillon Landscaping. Gaye chasing up every few days.
- Provide the maps and details of the betterment fund application projects to RG. GS to follow up and provide to Robyn.

## New Business

- RG: Start dates for Cape Trib Bloomfield Road & Banabilla, Evergreen & Idriess. RG concerned with bitumen sections tentatively not until 2026. Gaye to follow up to ascertain if this can be brought forward. It is a long time for dust to be swirling around!
- LM: Request at least one Councillor, preferably Mayor Lisa Scmazzon, and the member for Cook, David Kempton, attend Road Reference Group meetings. Lawrence emailed the Mayor and David Kempton. Mayor Lisa responded she was happy to attend some meetings with David Kempton if the group was happy for this to happen but unlikely to attend all meetings due to other commitments. Agenda item for next meeting.
- LM: Without Noah Bridge, community north is no locked into no freight over 16 tonnes for the foreseeable future, and no truck and dog combinations, meaning it would seem unlikely that the Bloomfield Track will be re-sheeted any time soon. Gaye has followed this up and will report back. Agenda for next meeting.
- LM: Is there information about the temporary causeway that ameliorates the clear risks around building a new bridge on the same alignment and relying on a temporary causeway. No guarantees that a temporary causeway will be above water level or even high tide level. The proposed temporary bypass will be suitable for 2WDs. The design is such that the top surface will not go under water during high tides. If flooding occurs due to a major rain event, then the bypass may go under water. This was published in latest newsletter 6 June 2025.

## Next Meeting

- To be advised.