

Date: Thursday 5 August 2025
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 10:00am

Attendees

- Gabriel Nucifora
- Gaye Scott
- Jacklyn Kiernan
- Lawrence Mason
- Liza Dowling
- Owen Sellwood
- Paula Clancy
- Robyn Guedes

Apologies

- Abi Ralph
- Steve Sponberg

Road Update

Gabriel presented the road update.

Noah Creek Bridge

- Council will be doing repairs to Noah Bridge to restore to 16 tonne load rating.
- The design and methodology of how to achieve this have been done and Council has received the drawings
- Council is currently sourcing the timber to determine the timeline for delivery.
- The project team is working with a contractor on how the repairs will be carried out and how this will impact the functionality of the bridge.
- The aim is to minimise impact to vehicles, and the option of night works is on the table.
- There are now clearer signs in place, indicating where heavy vehicles need to turn off the main road to cross the causeway.

Causeway

- Rocks are becoming lodged in the tyres of some vehicles using the causeway.
- Machine being used to compact the rocks.
- Council has also arranged for a bigger machine to be based on site.

Bypass (Temporary)

- The design of the all-vehicle bypass is such that the structure will not withstand flood waters which are more than 1 metre above the proposed height.
- Construction of the bypass will therefore be deferred until after the 25/26 wet season.
- Construction of the new bridge will commence once the all-vehicle bypass has been completed and signed off.

Alternative Methodology

- Consideration be given to constructing piles outside the existing bridge, allowing bridge to be used during piling.
- Installation of the deck could be achieved in under a week if 3 x 8 hour shifts were run
- The bridge could be in use for most of the build and only rely on the causeway for a short period while decking was added.
- Could also coincide with ferry closure for ramp upgrade.
- **GN raise with project team and contractors to ascertain feasibility.**

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Unsealed Sections

- Durack has commenced work on repairs to unsealed sections of the road
- Work has started at the Degarra end and is moving south.
- This will take a while, so Council is doing holding works to keep the road trafficable.

Concrete Section

- NCP Contracting has commenced repairs to the concrete section.
- RG said when digging up and removing the concrete, contractors had discovered a sunken section – a cavern - which may impact the expected completion date of the work which was initially end of August.
- **GN to clarify rock protection in the gully beside the road is included within the scope of works and report back.**

Landslips – HEH

- Work progressing as planned
- Completion expected by mid December 2025.

Roadside Vegetation

- RG said there were sections of Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road where vegetation forced caravanners to drive in the middle of the road.
- There's a machine currently in use on Cape Tribulation Road clearing roadside vegetation. Any chance this machine can do Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road as well? **GN to check.**

Other Northern Roads

- Durack Civil has been awarded possession of site for:
 - China Camp
 - Zig Zag
 - Ten Mile
 - Banabilla, Evergreen and Idriess
- Awaiting mobilisation of crew – start date to be confirmed.

China Camp Road – Wujal Wujal

- Tenders are currently open.
- The closing date has been extended to 29 August 2025
- No further extensions will be granted

Noah Range Landslip

- Work is progressing as per Red Fox design.
- Expected completion 6 March 2026.

Alexandra Range

- The 25 tonne weight limit still remains.
- Council has sought advice from a road engineer to ascertain whether the weight limit may be lifted or raised.
- Until such time as we have a report, those transporting heavier loads will need to redistribute over two loads.
- While length restrictions have been lifted, we still need clarity as to whether vehicles over 19 metres need escort vehicles given on some corners, they need to cross the double lines.
[GN to check.](#)
- Colpo Construction will return to complete repairs at the two remaining sites, 6 and 25 upon completion of landslip repairs on Upper Daintree and Stewart Creek Roads.
- This is estimated to be at the end of September for completion before Christmas.
- Traffic control will return but will impact on a much shorter section of the range.

Taylors and Lees Bridges

- Work on Lees Bridge to start 11 August
- Work on Taylors Bridge to start 1 September.

Carried Forward

Daintree Discovery Centre

- Materials have been delivered to Daintree Discover Centre and DSC has issued a purchase order to a landscaper to provide the labour.
- DSC has been chasing on regular basis. Landscaper has indicated a potential start date end of August.
- [DSC to lock in a date and GS to advise DDC.](#)

Turpentine Road

- Turpentine Road – two reports of slippery conditions after light rainfall from Turpentine Road residents. Do we have an update on when long term rectification works may occur?
- GN advised funding still not confirmed and in the interim, Council would carry out maintenance to improve drivability. [Keep on the agenda until we have a timeframe locked in.](#)

New Business

- Betterment Funding – Verbal advice from QRA on some, e.g. approaches to Collins Creek approved, but nothing confirmed. [Keep on the agenda until QRA confirms.](#)
- Daintree Ferry decision – unknown at time of meeting but subsequently learnt meeting planned for 12 August 2025.

Next Meeting

- Thursday 21 August 2025