

Meeting #22

Date: Thursday 17 November 2024
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 2pm

Attendees

- Gabriel Nucifora
- Gaye Scott
- Julian Kiernan
- Jacklyn Kiernan
- Lawrence Mason
- Merran Blockey
- Robyn Guedes

Apologies

- Abi Ralph
- Andy Hewetson
- Brett Grainger
- Chris Jones
- Claudia Brassard
- Cole Claxton
- Emma Tunnock
- Steven Sponberg

Chair

Gaye chaired the meeting in Abi's absence.

Road Update

Gabriel presented the road update.

Degarra

- Banabilla Causeway Tender Evaluation Finalised, contract awarded to Bissell Concreting.
- Construction scheduled to commence Monday 25 November 2024.
- Work on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road will start Wednesday 20 November.
- Work will start at the northern end, and the contractor will work their way back towards Cape Tribulation.
- Repairs to the badly damaged section either side of Collins Creek is included in this scope of work.

Noah Range landslip

- Containers have been placed on site.
- JK expressed concern about clearing the road should the containers tip over. Each would weigh 30 tonnes with concrete blocks inside and filled with material making it impossible for a 20-tonne machine to shift them. [Claudia to provide further information at next meeting](#)
- HEH has commencing clearing of trees on the mobile zone
- Phase 1 which is the removal of the bulk of the landslip material is scheduled for completion by Friday 20 December 2024.

Noah Causeway/ Bridge

- Planning works for the new bridge are being completed by Premise
- Repairs to the bypass will commence 25 November.

Alexandra Range

- Sites 1, 2 and 3 have been completed.

Preparing for Wet Season

- Emergency Response and communication plans are being developed for Noah Range and Alexandra Range in preparation for the upcoming wet season & Christmas break.

Follow Up Items Previous Meetings

- Who maintains road into Kija [Roaring Meg] – **Gaye still investigating.**
- Robyn reported the two Give Way signs at either end Woobadda Causeway had washed away. GS will log a Customer Request to get this actioned. **Gaye reported they had been installed.**
- RG queried whether usual maintenance of Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road would be done this year by Council. CB advised Council was hoping to get this funded by QRA under Holding Works. Carried over to next meeting - CB will check and advise on any planned maintenance to be completed by Council. **Covered above – work commencing 20 November.**
- RG – update on repairs to road either side of Collins Creek **Covered above.**
- QRA yet to release the Betterment Packages for TC Jasper. Gabriel advised QRA had yet to release the betterment packages. Will be kept on the agenda until announced by QRA.
- Input into ferry fares – **Gaye advised Council will consider any information which is provided by community peak bodies – e.g. the bus information sent by TPDD a few years ago. So, the relevant parties are welcome to put together evidence regarding Ferry prices impacting tourist numbers and email it to enquiries for consideration. Council don't intend to 'arbitrarily' increase prices. Price increases are based on CPI increases and cost recovery, including any Ferry contractor costs.**
- LM reported numerous instances of fail to give way lately, suggest painting 'GIVE WAY' in relevant locations. LM has provided locations: Hutchinson Creek, Noah Creek, and Oliver Creek. **Gaye has logged as a Customer Request.**
- LM - Partly and fully obscured roadside markers & mowing contractor. **Gaye advised it was outside of the scope of Council's mowing contract to clear roadside markers. Council will request contractor spray/brush cut as an additional item on the next run. (December) Generally brush cutting / spraying is conducted "as required" around infrastructure rather than every mowing service.**
- LM - Road of Noah's slip is now very rough, with two massive potholes south side. **Gaye advised this was under the control of HEH. Lawrence reported the road had been smoothed out.**
- There is a really rough patch on the little hill west of Cape Trib Cruises (Thornton Beach) that you hit north bound as you descend after traversing Cooper Creek Flats. It appears to be a depression rather than a pothole, but is getting worse. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bVtV8a3seMvh75F67> Not doing my car any good and a bad place to going to the wrong side of the road to avoid. **Gaye has logged as a Customer Request.**

Other Business

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 27 November 10am.