

Date: Thursday 28 August 2025

Venue: Via Teams

Time: 10:00am

Attendees

- Abi Ralph
- Gaye Scott
- Owen Sellwood
- Robyn Guedes

Apologies

- Steve Sponberg
- Gabriel Nucifora

Road Update

Gaye presented the road update.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

Unsealed Sections

- Durack has commenced at Degarra end on repair of unsealed sections
- Gravel section between the concreted Pierce's Hill and the bitumen heading north to Wujal has deteriorated catastrophically.
- Contractor has been advised to grade the surface to keep it safe and trafficable.

Concrete Section

- Contractor encountered mass debris under the area where the concrete road is being reinstated.
- This was debris pulled back into the site to reinstate the washed away formation.
- This has delayed expected completion to late September 2025.
- NCP Contracting commenced watering operations on the sealed road fronting 2529 Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Rd.
- Hasn't really helped. Team working on a solution.

Landslips – HEH

- Work progressing on three of the 10 sites
- Completion is expected by mid December 2025.

Roadside Vegetation

- Roadside vegetation clearing will be done on both Donovans and Cowrie Ranges.
- Work will start 1 September and continue until both ranges are completed.

Other Northern Roads

- Banabilla, Evergreen and Idriess – Work will commence first week in October
- Zig Zag – Work to commence 28 August 2025
- Concrete section China Camp Road – tenders close this week.

Noah Range Landslip

- Work progressing as planned
- Completion expected by March 2026.

Noah Creek Bridge

- The large, custom-made timber girders have been ordered and are due to arrive on site late September 2025
- The repairs are being funded by QRA.
- The construction method and its impact on functionality of bridge is still being worked through.
- QRA has confirmed funding for the temporary bypass and the new bridge.
- The construction of both the bypass and new bridge are scheduled for the 2026 dry season.
- The alternative methodology raised by Lawrence M was considered, and if starting from scratch, it may have been an option, but it is not compatible with having to incorporate the existing concrete blocks into the final structure.

Noah Creek Causeway

- HEH has a machine on site at the causeway to carry out repairs in a timely manner.
- In a move to improve communications, when the causeway has to be closed, HEH provides instructions to FNQ Traffic Control to erect road closed signs and remove the signs as required.
- FNQ Traffic Control will alert Gaye Scott who can send out an alert.

Landslips South of Daintree River

COLPO has commenced repairs at two locations on Upper Daintree Road.

Taylors and Lees Bridges

Work has commenced at Lees Bridge with the delivery of rock and site establishment.

Work on Taylors Bridge to start 11 September.

Carried Forward

Daintree Discovery Centre – work has been completed

Turpentine Road – no update re timeframe as yet

Betterment Funding – Verbal advice from QRA on some. Keep on the agenda until QRA confirms.

Concrete Pavement – CTBR Degarra – Gaye S to clarify whether rock protection in the gully beside the road is included in the scope of works.

Luana Hairpin. Confirm whether the landslips on the switchback/Luana Hairpin are included in works, namely the narrowing on the first bend heading south from Luana Creek and the narrowing halfway up. Gaye S to report back.

Escort Vehicles – Alexandra Range - Clarify whether vehicles over 19 metres need escort vehicles. Gabe N to check.

New Business

Dust Issues & Vehicle Speed – Rykers Road.

- There have been recent sightings of an adult cassowary with two chicks and a tree kangaroo on Rykers Road.
- Delivery driver arrived at Cape Trib Beach House badly shaken up which he said was due to speed of passing truck.
- Exiting Cape Trib Beach House requires waiting several minutes for dust to settle to be safe.
- Vehicles involved in the repair of landslips on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road appear to be travelling at a cracking pace.
- Information was passed onto the contractor who raised the issue at their daily pre-start meeting to remind all staff about the speed limit and to slow down and also instructed its water cart to put more focus into this particular section.

Next Meeting

- Thursday 11 September 2025