

Minutes Meeting #3

Date: 18 April 2024
Venue: Daintree Discovery Centre
Time: 9am

Attendees

Abi Ralph, Daintree Discovery Centre, Cow Bay; TPDD; DMC
Chris Jones, Experience Co, Experience Daintree; Treetops Adventure; Day tours; TPDD
Robyn Guedes, Bloomfield
Gaye Scott, Recovery Communications Douglas Shire Council & DMC
Lawrence Mason, Café Cape Trib; Grocery Store, DMC & TPDD, Primary Producer
Claudia Brassard, Principal Engineer, Douglas Shire Council
Jacklyn Kiernan, Cape Trib Camping

Apologies:

Cole Claxton, Ocean Safari, major accommodation, restaurant, campground, TPDD
Brett Grainger, Daintree Ferry

Minutes:

Abi suggested we go from north to south.

- **Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road**
 - A map showing location of the repair sites along Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road would be useful as this would give more context to the updates. *GS & TMR working on this.*
 - Roadtek is working 10 days on 4 days off on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road repairs. *CB asked TMR about additional crews. TMR advised all avail resources were deployed.*
- **Noah Landslip**
 - Program of works for Noah Range carried over from previous meeting. It will be supplied once finalised. *CB*
 - 7:30pm curfew - Council is very aware the current restricted road opening times are an issue – for residents and businesses and is actively working on a solution to allow night time travel.
 - LM - Noah Range is opening at 5am, earlier than the 6am publicised opening time. Why? *CB*
The northern traffic controller lives close by so arrives ahead of scheduled opening time. The southern traffic controller is not always on site.
- **Noah Dip** - pipes cleaned out upstream of dip and possibility of getting widened. *CB to investigate.*
- **Noah Creek** LM very concerned about plans to build the new bridge on same alignment of existing bridge due to risk of being cut off if the causeway fails.
- **Ironbark Road dip** – rough on one side, makes people cross to wrong side. Can this be this fixed? *CB*

▪ **Alexandra Range**

- concern there was still no sign of contractor on site. CB explained possession of site would be given after approval of the contractor's safety, cultural, environmental and quality management plans. Approval was done later that day and the contractor was on site 22 April. While waiting for the management plans to be finalised, Geo Construct prepared a lay down area and has established a batch plant located close to the three sites. This has meant the completion date is still expected to be mid to late June, weather permitting.
- Traffic controllers are keeping intersection of Tulip Oak clear, but still not call through cars travelling south wanting to turn left into Tulip Oak.
- Request to increase service levels to improve the presentation of roadside verges – additional allocation would be required to be included in 2024/2025 budget. **CB**
- **Ferry:** Operator has ordered and received parts to fix the coolant unit. It was intended that the unit would be installed earlier this week, however due to wet weather this had to be postponed. *GS will provide a new installation date at next meeting*

Other Business

- Andy from Noah Creek requested to join the group.
- Resident reported dangerous potholes just south of Cape Kimberly turnoff. Since reporting, the pot holes have been filled.

Next Meeting

Friday 26 April 2024 – 9am Via Teams