

Date: Thursday 11 September
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 10:00am

Attendees

- Abi Ralph
- Gabriel Nucifora
- Gaye Scott
- Lawrence Mason
- Owen Sellwood
- Robyn Guedes

Apologies

- Steve Sponberg

Road Update

Gabriel presented the road update.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road – Road Repairs

- Durack Civil has the contract to repairs the unsealed sections of Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road has commenced repairs.
- NCP Contracting is repairing the concrete section and is schedule to complete work by the end of October.
- The gravel section between the concrete section of Pierce’s Hill and the bitumen has deteriorated significantly, forcing vehicles to travel at 5/10 kilometres per hour to avoid damaging vehicles.

Council has sought quotes to do repairs to make the road more trafficable and must comply with the organisation’s procurement process. Once all that is finalised a contract will be awarded to get the work underway as soon as possible.

Northern Roads

- Banabilla, Evergreen and Idriess work will commence first week of November.
- Pre-works have started on Zig Zag, China Camp and Ten Mile
- Concrete section of China Camp Road – tenders being assessed

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road – Landslip Repairs

- Work progressing as planned
- Completion is expected by mid December 2025.
- There is another landslip site which the team has been monitoring – and it has yet to be approved by Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Weather and Overall Program

- Gabriel reported that BOM was forecasting a slightly earlier wet season than usual.
- With that in mind, the team is looking to identify critical points which can be prioritised to better plan for an early wet.
- Gabriel will provide further updates at the next meeting, providing, and provide more information around that and what we're doing differently if we feel the need to, but at this stage the program is is going as planned.

Noah Range Landslip

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

Noah Creek Bridge

- Noah Creek Bridge Overnight Closure 6:30pm to 6am for ten days
- Monday 13 October to Wednesday 22 October 2025
- Temporary closures will cease from 6am Thursday 23 October 2025
- Specialists will review the work completed and provide confirmation the load rating may be restored to 16 tonnes. This may take a few days.
- Clarify the proposed closure of the causeway except in an emergency – this is not acceptable to the community.
- We will look at options around traffic control and whether we need to do some interval passing. If there needs to be certain windows available.
- At this stage, we are hoping there will be access through the causeway during the planned night works for Noah's Bridge, and this is around us repairing the timber bridge and getting it back up to 16 tonnes.
- We cannot provide accessibility for 2WD passenger vehicles such as hatchbacks, sedans where they have a lower clearance level than than many vehicles. Unfortunately, they won't be able to cross the causeway. But any vehicle, any four drive vehicle, trucks, buses and so forth will have access during the causeway at night. We will confirm what those accessibility periods will look like.
- Suggestion that accommodation house may pick up guests at the causeway, can we investigate a parking area. GS to do.
- LM - Initial notice warned bridge may not open at 6:00am.
- GN - at a minimum, the causeway will be accessible by 6:00 AM, so we are ensuring a morning flow traffic. What we mean by the bridge itself - should there be a couple of unexpected surprises and the crew needs slightly longer to finish what they're doing, that will be the only reason for opening later than 6:00 AM.
- Jackie – is there going to be clear signs at the ferry?
- Yes: VMS board, poster on both booths and leaflet handed out to all travellers at the ferry.

Alexandra Range

- COLPO is expected to return next month to repairs the final two sites.
- The team has been monitoring an additional site that wasn't eligible previously.
- While it didn't previously meet the eligibility criteria, monitoring has enabled us to determine whether the site has deteriorated.
- As of last week, we've obtained more information to justify this additional site has further deteriorated, and it will be scoped out and presented QRA for consideration.
- If approved, the work can be done through the recovery process and it's not going to be an imposition for ratepayers and the community down the track in one or two years later.
- It is in everyone's interest to pick up these things now to maximise making use of the current funding program that's available.

Landslips South of Daintree River

- COLPO has commenced repairs at two locations on Upper Daintree Road and one on Stewarts Creek Road.

Lees Bridge

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

Carried Forward

Turpentine Road – no update re timeframe as yet

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

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

LM: This particular point has dragged on for maybe three or four meetings now.

GN: will put back on my radar and and revisit with those I've been speaking to and and remind them we need to get an answer as soon as possible.

Next Meeting

- Thursday 11 September 2025